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Have your say on plan for new £19m leisure centre

By George Welch

VISIONS of how a £19million leisure facility for Wantage and Grove might look have been unveiled.

The first plans and 3D images were revealed as Vale of White Horse District Council launched the public consultation for the centre.

Council chiefs want the public's help to shape how the centre would look as officers stress the graphics are just early stage concepts.

With up to 5,000 new homes to be built in Wantage and Grove by 2031, the Vale has earmarked land for the complex between the two, next to Wantage Health Centre north of Mably Way.

Speaking at the first public consultation at Wantage Leisure Centre last Thursday, Ben Border, project officer at the Vale, said there was lots of interest in the initial plans.

"The fact that a new facility is being brought forward before the homes being built is possibly the biggest plus [so far]," he added.

The site has been chosen due to the strategic location between housing developments and to cater for the increased demand for leisure facilities.

Doctors at the health centre's two practices have previously defeated plans for a new care home on part of the land to protect space for their own expansion and this remains a concern for some residents.

An early stage concept image of how the new leisure centre could look

An elderly couple, who didn't want to be named but have lived in the area for nearly 50 years, said: "It's interesting but they need to ensure that it doesn't occupy the space designated for possible expansion of the health centre.

"The centre is desperately needed but it needs to be bigger than this for the simple reason it's going to cover a lot more people coming into it.

"It's a very good location because you have Wantage one side and Grove the other."

The new centre will be funded entirely by the Vale upfront but 'significant' developer contributions will be used towards the cost.

Cllr Charlotte Dickson, the authority's cabinet member for leisure, said: "The new leisure centre is great news for everyone in Wantage, Grove and the surrounding area.

"Our aim is to open the new centre in 2020, this will help to ensure we have facilities in place well ahead of many people moving into the new homes and can meet demand as and when it increases."

A second exhibition will be held at the Old Mill Hall in Grove on Thursday, September 21, from 3pm to 8pm.

People can also give their views at tinyurl.com/yachc9f4 by October 4.

Dapper dogs on display

A GREYHOUND dressed as a cowboy may be an unusual sight, but an event this weekend is welcoming dogs dressed in all sorts of fancy dress.

The greyhound and lurcher rescue charity Forever Hounds Trust celebrates its fifth year with an annual tea party at Buscot Park, Faringdon this Sunday.

The event will include a dog show, dog grooming, an auction, children's activities and plenty of tea and cake.

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RAF officers' helicopter crashed hitting a cable

By Eva Astreinidou

TWO 'capable and dedicated' RAF officers died on a tour of duty in Afghanistan after their aircraft hit a balloon cable.

The inquests into the deaths of Flight Lieutenants Alan Scott, 32, and Geraint Roberts, 44, opened at Oxfordshire Coroners' Court on Monday.

The two well-respected officers from RAF Benson died in Afghanistan on October 11, 2015 alongside Kabul civilian Gordon Emin, 44, whose inquest also opened on Monday, and two US personnel.

They were due to make a routine landing on a football field in the capital Kabul, but flew into an observation balloon cable and crashed to the ground.

The inquest heard how they were following another Puma when they had to abort their landings because the football pitch they were heading for was in use.

Flight lieutenants Geraint Thomas and Alan Scott. Pictures: *RAF*

According to BBC News, Sgt Simon Craig, who was travelling in the first aircraft, said he saw the helicopter 'change its course suddenly' but then realised the aircraft had hit the tether of the balloon that was 'the width of your finger'.

The inquest heard how the cable had bright orange flags attached to it but was still hard to see.

At the time, the family of Mr Scott, who was from Wallingford, paid tribute to the 'wonderful, beloved husband' who was 'taken so cruelly and suddenly'.

Flt Lt Roberts, from Reading, was married with two children.

The inquest is expected to conclude today [Thursday].

Plenty for women in south and west to celebrate

SOUTH and West Oxfordshire are among the top five best places to live in Britain if you are a woman.

The project conducted by the National Centre for Social Research looked at 380 local authorities, analysing categories such as economic opportunities and gender pay gap, access to green spaces, and general living and wellbeing.

South Oxfordshire ranked fifth overall as the best place for women over 65, boasting low female mortality, low crime rate and fewer living alone.

On the other hand, West Oxfordshire ranked top for women under 30, due to low unemployment rates, safety, culture, personal wellbeing and education. It was third overall.

However, it scored poorly on housing and affordability, suggesting that while quality of life may be high there might be substantial financial barriers to young women living there.

East Dunbartonshire in Scotland was ranked top of the list. Islington, in north London, was rated the worst place for women to live.

The results were revealed on BBC Radio 4's Woman's Hour.

InBrief

Man died in crash

A MAN in his twenties from Swindon died in a collision involving two cars on Saturday.

At around 8.25pm emergency services were called to a report of a Ford Fiesta that had collided with a Range Rover travelling in the opposite direction along the B4507 near Ashbury.

The male passenger in the Fiesta sustained fatal injuries and died.

The female driver of the hatchback and two female passengers of the Range Rover were taken to hospital and treated for their injuries.

Police Constable Julia Stroud, investigating, said: "We would like to hear from anyone who was in the area at that time and had seen the vehicles prior to the collision or the collision itself and have not yet spoken to us."

If you have any information, call 101.

Assault by teens

A 29-year-old man was repeatedly kicked and punched outside Waitrose in Wantage.

Between about 10.30pm and 11.10pm on Saturday, a 'verbal altercation' took place on Wallingford Street.

Two boys kicked and punched the victim in the upper body and face.

He suffered cuts and bruising but did not require hospital treatment.

Both offenders were white, around 16-years-old and about 4ft 10ins tall. One of the boys was wearing a white cap and black puffer jacket while the other was wearing a white jacket.

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Two cut from flipped car

THREE people were injured in a two-vehicle crash in which one of the cars flipped onto its roof.

Firefighters freed two people who were trapped in one of the cars before they were taken to hospital following Sunday's collision.

The incident, which happened at around 3.30pm on the A420 near Faringdon, also left the second car with 'severe' frontal damage.

Fire crews from Faringdon and Abingdon used specialist cutting equipment to free the pair who were trapped.

There were no serious injuries.

Incident commander, watch manager James Harris said: "Fortunately all occupants were wearing seatbelts, if they had not been the injuries sustained could have been far worse.

"I would like to remind people of the dangers posed by wet roads and to ensure you reach your destination safely."

School opens to educate the 'whole student'

ONE of the newest schools in Oxfordshire promises to not just be an 'exam factory' but an important piece of the community.

Aureus School, on Great Western Park, opened its doors on Monday.

A member of the multi-academy GLF Trust, the first Didcot mixed secondary school has been designated a science, technology, engineering and maths school (STEM) but it will incorporate the arts and community work as well.

The school will offer a range of activities from martial arts to performing arts. It will also have an artist in residence, an art gallery, an art therapy room and creativity days.

Executive headteacher Hannah Wilson said it was important Aureus could offer much more than just a traditional school environment.

She said: "We strive to educate the whole student so that each individual in our community may grow, learn and flourish.

"Aureus is not an exam factory, it is a space where our whole community will be supported."

The new building will also be used by the Matt Fiddes Martial Arts Academy, which owns performing arts schools, as well as a dance and a street education programme.

The Didcot Art Room, a charity that uses art as a therapeutic tool for children and young people, will also have a site at the school.

The school will also have a partnership with international charity ActionAid and the Driver Youth Trust, a charity working with young people who have literacy difficulties.

Headteacher Hannah Wilson

Plan to tackle housing shortage

By George Welch

BUILDING thousands of new homes in Culham, Chalgrove and Wheatley is the 'best way' to tackle the urgent need for housing in south Oxfordshire.

South Oxfordshire District Council made the claim last week as it prepares to publish the final draft of its local plan next month.

More than 9,000 homes need to be allocated and the document explains how the district housing shortage should be dealt with up to 2033. This includes helping with Oxford's unmet housing needs.

Current plans have earmarked 3,500 homes for Culham and 3,000 at Chalgrove Airfield, while Oxford Brookes University Wheatley Campus has also been outlined as a potential site for housing.

The council will discuss the plan at a series of meetings later this month and residents will get the chance to comment on it before it is submitted to the government later this year.

Cllr John Cotton, SODC leader, said: "Making sure we get this right is a great responsibility and one we take very seriously.

"There's no silver bullet solution when talking about building thousands of houses in a rural district, but we are very confident our local plan represents the best possible balance of homes in effective, sustainable locations, supported by the right infrastructure and in a way that protects and enhances what's best about south Oxfordshire."

The council is planning a total of approximately 22,500 homes up to 2033, although most of these have already been granted permission or been built.

SODC now has to find space for the remaining 9,671 homes, and has identified Culham and Chalgrove Airfield as the locations for two major new housing sites.

Chalgrove Airfield has been earmarked for 3,000 homes

The latest plan includes a reduction in the number of houses allocated to some areas compared to earlier versions.

Previously proposed housing sites in Crowmarsh Gifford have been removed to allow the parish's Neighbourhood Plan to allocate the sites.

The local plan will also explain how the new homes would be supported by roads, schools, shops, parks, leisure centres, community facilities and other infrastructure.

InBrief

Bridge to be closed

CLIFTON Hampden Bridge will be closed to vehicles for repair works next month.

The work, starting on October 9, will take place from 7am to 5pm every day and is anticipated to take 10 working days to complete.

A temporary closure order will be introduced to prohibit vehicle access over the bridge.

There will be escorted access for pedestrians during the closure times.

There is a possibility of overnight closures subject to progress of the works.

The alternative route for traffic is via the A415 Abingdon Road, Tolgate Road, Appleford Road, B4016, Didcot Road, Long Wittenham Road, High Street and vice versa.

Share views on Lidl

A CONSULTATION day for a potential new food store in Wallingford will now be held at a different venue.

Officials from supermarket Lidl are inviting people to attend the consultation, now taking place at the George Hotel on the High Street on September 20 at 3pm.

The company hopes to submit a planning application for a new store in the town later this month and is asking for people's views on the plans.

The event was due to be held in the Regal Centre, which has now been closed down.

See page 5 for more on the closure.

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Legal challenge planned over proposal to build 95 homes

By George Welch

THE decision to approve 95 homes on rural land is to be challenged by the local council.

South Oxfordshire District Council is seeking a judicial review of the plan for the homes near Shiplake, south of Henley, following a public inquiry approval of the homes on land at Thames Farm, off Reading Road.

Plans to build the homes were unanimously rejected by SODC last September to the delight of hundreds of angry residents who packed a planning committee meeting.

But delight turned to disgust when the controversial 14-acre site was given the green light by planning inspector John Braithwaite last month.

He approved the application stating that new houses were urgently needed to counteract a shortage across Oxfordshire and that objectors' concerns about road safety could be overcome.

So now SODC, which claims Mr Braithwaite made 'legal errors', is after the help of a judge to overturn the decision to allow landowner Claire Engbers to proceed with the development.

SODC leader Cllr John Cotton said: "I can confirm that we have now agreed to seek a judicial review in relation to Thames Farm.

"Given that proceedings are now in progress, we are unable to comment any further at this stage."

Opposition from all parties and levels of local government say the development undermines the joint Henley and Harpsden neighbourhood plan, which passed a referendum last year and did not earmark the land for development.

Chairman of Shiplake Parish Council Tudor Taylor said he was "horrified and appalled" by the public inquiry approval.

Mrs Engbers first sought outline consent for 110 homes in June 2013 but the district council refused permission following opposition from Harpsden and Shiplake parish councils.

She appealed against the refusal of planning permission in June 2014 and a public inquiry was held over Christmas.

Inspector Ian Jenkins ruled in the district council's favour but Mrs Engbers then took her case to court and had the appeal verdict overturned.

The planning meeting in September last year was well attended

Mrs Engbers submitted a 'greener' 95-home application last year but the district council rejected this.

Emma Bowerman, the planning inspector who recommended the development for approval last September, said at the time that many of the 231 letters in favour of the homes were not genuine, with many allegedly being submitted fraudulently on behalf of the developer.

InBrief

Town development

RESIDENTS in Abingdon are invited to share their views on how the town should develop over the next few years.

The town council is holding a drop-in event at Preston Road Community Centre on Saturday from 2pm to 4pm.

The aim of the event is to gather opinions for the creation of a community-led plan.

Topics will include community facilities and services, suggestions for improving the environment, as well as ideas for sports, leisure activities, local transport and local provision for young people.

Visit http://abingdon.gov.uk/partners/community-led-plan.

Parish plan granted

LONG Wittenham gave a big thumbs up to the parish council's Neighbourhood Development Plan in last Thursday's referendum.

A total of 418 people voted to support the plan – a 60 per cent victory. Only 30 voted against the proposal.

The turnout was 65 per cent.

The approved NDP will help shape the future development of the village.

Housing developers and South Oxfordshire District Council will have to take the NDP into account when future planning applications are considered.

Think pink for breast cancer

HENLEY'S MP donned a pink scarf to lend his support to a breast cancer charity.

John Howell MP decided to 'wear it pink' and invited others to do the same for a national fundraising day on October 20 for Breast Cancer Now.

The event, which takes place during October's breast cancer awareness month, invites people to add a splash of the colour to their outfits to support the cause and help raise funds for vital research.

John, joined by fellow parliamentarians in Westminster this week, showed his support for the thousands of women and men affected by breast cancer each year.

Safety fears force closure of centre

A HISTORIC venue in Wallingford has closed for the foreseeable future due to safety risks.

Last week, the town council announced it would be closing the Regal Centre, which serves a range of leisure, community and market-trading activities, with immediate effect.

The former cinema, which dates from 1934, is in need of 'remedial works' which include both the fire detection and heating systems.

In a statement, Cllr Lee Upcraft said the town council, which acquired the centre in 1975, has had to make the 'difficult but necessary' decision to close the centre.

He added that they would be working to either re-open or replace the facility as a matter of urgency.

He said: "The council must also consider the ever increasing financial demands of maintaining the building and to understand how to balance spending of limited funds in the best interests of the town.

"The safety of the users of the Regal is paramount and we consider it inappropriate to allow continued use of the building while we conduct the necessary studies."

The statement said the public would be consulted with in the coming months and that groups which use the centre can apply for grants.

County councillor Lynda Atkins said: "It is certainly a very difficult time for the groups who use the Regal, and I know that the town council team led by the town clerk is doing all they can to help find alternative locations but with so many of the community spaces in the town very well used already that may not be easy."

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News

Bicester Heritage is the first park to specialise in the restoration, storage and enjoyment of vintage and classic cars
Picture: *Amy Shore Photography*

Millions invested in historic RAF base

By Samantha McGregor

A DERELICT former Bomber Command training base undergoing a major overhaul has been given a £3million boost.

Bicester Heritage, the former flying field site at RAF Bicester, was bought by a consortium with ambitious plans to transform it into a specialist business park.

Just four years ago, the 348-acre site was listed on Historic England's 'at risk' register, but it's now thriving.

On the back of the success of the site, Handelsbanken has granted £3m development funding.

The cash will pay for phase four and start phase five of the restoration project.

Phase four includes the release of 10 new buildings and an extra 30,000 square feet of premises, all of which has already been pre-let or is under offer.

Plans for phase five include redeveloping land at the site to create new buildings across 60,000 sq ft.

This will enable bigger organisations to move to the site as well as extend the historic airbase for occupiers who need modern facilities.

Daniel Geoghegan, Bicester Heritage's managing director, said: "The financing from Handelsbanken is a clear endorsement of Bicester Heritage's progress and underlying business model.

"The bank has taken the time to build a relationship and get under the skin of our concept, very much a partnership approach.

"To have obtained funding from an internationally recognised bank such as Handelsbanken reflects the health and prospects of Bicester Heritage's vision."

Chris Andrews, corporate manager at Handelsbanken's Banbury branch, added: "Following an invitation to hear Bicester Heritage's plans for the rejuvenation of the former RAF Bicester station, we were delighted to offer our ideas as to how the bank could help.

"With a robust business model, backed by a real passion for what they do, the Bicester Heritage team have delivered a new, unrivalled, centre of excellence for vintage cars in the UK."

When Bicester Heritage opened its gates in 2013, it had six tenants, now there are 40 specialising in the historic car industry ranging from historic grand prix car preparers and magneto specialists, to dealers and exhaust manufacturers.

MP to ask for reassurance over hospital

THE MP for Abingdon is seeking reassurances about the future of the town's community hospital.

Layla Moran is meeting health minister Steve Brine today to discuss the future of the Marcham Road hospital.

She said she would ask the government to clarify it would not be impacted detrimentally as the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group tries to find nearly £180million of savings.

The member for Oxford West and Abingdon's eventful start to life as a parliamentarian will get even busier after being appointed to a 'crucial' government committee responsible for scrutinising public spending.

Ms Moran, who is now a member of the House of Commons' public accounts committee, said it is a 'huge honour' to be appointed to the committee, which is responsible for ensuring government decisions are good value for money.

The Liberal Democrat said: "The committee carries out crucial work holding government and our public services to account.

"It has highlighted many critical failures in government and this mismanagement has had a direct and sometimes distressing impact on people's lives.

"Taxpayers should be confident that public money is being spent wisely, fairly and effectively."

The former teacher, elected as an MP in June, was appointed as her party's education spokesperson shortly after the general election this year.

Call 111 for improved urgent care service

PEOPLE across Oxfordshire have access to a new and improved urgent care service.

The Thames Valley Integrated Urgent Care 111 service was launched on Tuesday last week, offering 24/7 clinical assessments and treatment services.

The new system brings together NHS 111, GP out of hours and other clinical advice, such as dental, medicines and mental health.

Dubbed the 'front door to urgent care', the service covers the Thames Valley area, including Buckinghamshire and Berkshire.

Clinicians will be based at South Central Ambulance Service headquarters in Bicester and at a hub in Wokingham.

It is expected around 30 per cent of calls will be handled by a trained healthcare professional.

Philip Astle, chief operating officer at SCAS, said: "Patients will continue to call the 111 number and the trained call handler will assess the person's needs.

"They will be able to arrange for the patient to see or speak to a clinically trained healthcare professional, including GPs where this is clinically appropriate."

Pensioner dies in A415 crash

Man arrested for dangerous driving in three-car collision

By Eva Astreinidou

A PENSIONER has died after being involved in a three-car collision in west Oxfordshire in which a woman sustained life threatening injuries.

Police issued an appeal last week asking for witnesses to come forward after the fatal collision on the A415, Ducklington, on Thursday last week.

At around 10.20am a collision occurred between three vehicles, a White Ford Transit, a Red Peugeot 107 and a Silver Mercedes Vito.

The white Ford Transit was travelling north on the A415, when it crossed the carriageway onto the opposite side of the road, colliding with the Red Peugeot 107.

The silver Mercedes Vito was travelling behind the Peugeot and was then in collision with the Transit following its collision with the Peugeot.

The driver of the Peugeot died at the scene. His next of kin have been informed.

The passenger, a woman in her sixties, was taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital with serious, life threatening injuries. She has since been released from hospital.

A 37-year-old man from Oxford has been arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving and on suspicion of causing death by careless driving while over the prescribed limit.

He has been released pending investigation.

Investigating officer Sgt Beth Walton, from the Serious Collision Investigation Unit based in Bicester, said: "I would like to speak to anyone who witnessed the collision or who may have seen any of the vehicles travelling on the A415 before the collision.

"If you have any information which could assist the investigation please contact police as soon as possible."

Anyone with any information should contact Sgt Walton, based in Bicester, via the 24-hour Thames Valley Police enquiry centre on 101 quoting URN 380 (7/9).

Quacking idea reaps rewards

Three-year-old Woody Wright, son of parish councillor Helen Wright who led the campaign, helped highlight the problem
Pictures: *Peter Bell*

POTHOLES have been repaired thanks to bath-time toys.

Villagers in Steeple Aston, near Banbury, placed rubber ducks in the area's potholes to protest against the poor condition of roads in May.

They decided to no longer be sitting ducks and take matters into their own hands after sending complaints to the county council.

Oxfordshire County Council took heed of the complaints and managed to fix the damaged roads in the months following the complaints and the rubber ducks.

A council spokesman said they are glad the residents are pleased with the result.

They added: "Doing the work has proved to be challenging due to the fact the road is on a bus route and we wanted to continue to allow access through the village while the work was being done.

"Arranging the necessary road closure takes some time, but we are glad that we are now at the stage where the work has been done."

InBrief

Labour gain seat in town by-election

THE Labour party has increased its influence on Didcot Town Council by winning a by-election in the All Saints ward.

Candidate Pamela Siggers won the seat in an election last Thursday.

The council is now made up of 12 Conservative, seven Labour and two independent councillors.

Ms Siggers won 368 votes, beating Conservative candidate Jonathan Patching by 96 votes.

Liberal Democrat James Loder was third on 167 votes.

Turnout was 14.7 per cent.

Women get dirty for a good cause

IT'S the final call for anyone wanting to join in this year's women-only Pretty Muddy run in Oxford.

The 5k obstacle course, run by Cancer Research UK, will be held this Saturday at South Park.

Organisers are rallying local women to join the fight against cancer as fewer women than expected have registered for the life-saving fundraiser.

Entries will be accepted on the day.

Online entry closes at midnight tonight (Thursday).

To sign up, visit www.raceforlife.org, or call 0300 123 0770.

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News

Beer, cakes and coffee on show at Westminster

TWO MPs teamed up with county producers to wow Westminster with a taste of west and north Oxfordshire's finest delicacies.

MPs Robert Courts (Witney) and Victoria Prentis (Banbury) were joined by some of their constituency's thriving food and drink producers, who were able to showcase their treats in the capital.

From honey to locally brewed beer, the mouth-watering event last week spoiled MPs and parliamentary staff at the Houses of Parliament.

Firms from the west of the county to take part included Cotswold Fudge, Church Hanbrewery, Ue Coffee Roasters and the British Honey Company.

Speaking after tasting all the cuisine on offer, Mr Courts said: "Oxfordshire is home to many thriving small businesses, and by hosting this event we hope to demonstrate this to all here in Parliament.

"I am always keen to promote the wide range of innovative businesses we are lucky to have in our area. The event was a great success."

Producers Hook Norton Brewery and Banbury Cakes also impressed from the north of the region.

Robert Courts, MP for Witney and Banbury MP Victoria Prentis joined the producers at the House last week

Ms Prentis added: "It was brilliant to see so many people come and sample such a wide range of products from north and west Oxfordshire.

"I am so grateful to Banbury Cakes and Hook Norton Brewery for travelling down to help make today such a success.

"Supporting our high street and local producers is so important, particularly with more and more people doing their shopping online."

Aid flown out to hurricane-hit Caribbean

HUNDREDS of personnel have been deployed from RAF Brize Norton over the last few days as part of a relief mission for areas devastated by hurricane Irma.

The most powerful storm ever recorded over the Atlantic has claimed at least 37 lives across the Caribbean and 10 in the United States.

Royal Marines and Royal Engineers Troops left the RAF base for the Caribbean to deliver rations, water, medical equipment and other humanitarian aid on Friday.

More personnel left earlier this week.

On Monday, five officers from Thames Valley Police were also flown out to the British Virgin Islands to support those affected by Irma.

The move follows criticism that

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Troops preparing to deploy last week Picture: *Force News*

the response to helping British overseas territories had been too slow.

The category five storm, which was then downgraded, tore a deadly trail through the Caribbean, with St Martin and Barbuda particularly badly hit.

The storm has left thousands homeless after destroying buildings and uprooting trees across the area.

£8bn plan to shape the future of Oxfordshire

By Eva Astreinidou

AN £8.35billion strategy to put Oxfordshire at the heart of the British economy has been outlined.

The Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy (OXIS) outlines projects including housing, schools and social care, as well as road and public transport improvements.

The report by Oxfordshire Growth Board outlines a potential funding gap of £7.14bn to cover the costs of all the projects – Oxfordshire's six main councils and other stakeholders hope central government and other funders will help fill that gap.

Speaking at the meeting, city council leader Bob Price said: "This is a very important step in a long forward look to 2040.

"Oxfordshire really is a powerhouse of the British economy and we need to think innovatively for the long term, not just about roads but also schools and hospitals, water supply, power supply, and to make sure that the growth is balanced out."

He added: "We need to ensure that post Brexit we have the necessary investment to make these ambitions happen."

The report also prioritises projects depending on projected population growth in the county.

The report predicts that between 2016 and 2040 there will be 123,500 new homes, 267,000 additional people, and over 100,000 extra jobs.

John Disley, the county council's policy and strategy manager for the environment and economy, said: "We need to get on the front foot for this. A common complaint that we get is that housing is done without the right infrastructure.

"This plan is not necessarily what will happen and we will keep reviewing the proposals but it is evidence that we need to move along with funds.

"This is a holistic approach that serves Oxfordshire's best interests and demonstrates what the county needs."

Speaking about initiatives across the country and how the proposals can tap into funds from central government, he said: "We are [all] fighting for the same money but we are trying to ensure that Oxfordshire works under one vision."

The growth board committee is hoping to approve the proposals on September 26.

Major projects include:

- A34 improvements
- Rapid bus routes linking key locations
- East-West rail link from Oxford to Cambridge
- Long-term strategy to address congestion on A40
- Redevelopment of Oxford station
- Garden Town for Didcot
- Incentives to encourage businesses to locate and expand within the Science Vale

More homes to benefit from superfast broadband

OXFORDSHIRE will be at the 'forefront' of digital connectivity as the county gets set for even more superfast broadband.

Through the Better Broadband programme, Oxfordshire County Council said it would be looking to 'unlock' more government funding to roll out superfast broadband to more homes.

The county council was responding to news that, according to the government, the success of the national programme meant a total of up to £645million will be made available to help take superfast broadband to the most remote UK areas.

A spokeswoman for the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire programme said superfast broadband coverage in the county was already at 94.97 per cent.

She added: "Oxfordshire is well positioned to be at the forefront of digital connectivity in the UK.

"Over 100,000 people in Oxfordshire are now using fibre broadband enabled by the Better Broadband programme, with take-up of services now at 49 per cent. Working with BT, Oxfordshire County Council has very recently been able to extend the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire roll-out to include an additional 4,500 premises.

"We will be examining the potential to unlock more funding and look forward to exploring all available options."

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News

Comments are a 'great regret'

Uni head on homophobic remarks

By George Welch

THE head of Oxford University has distanced herself from comments she made urging students to engage with professors who had expressed homophobic views.

Vice-chancellor Louise Richardson, *pictured*, said it was a 'matter of great regret' that the 'endeavour' to make the university a 'diverse and inclusive' institution had been questioned following her remarks at an education summit.

Students had accused Prof Richardson of defending professors who had expressed views against homosexuality.

Prof Richardson said at the summit: "...I say [to students], 'I'm sorry, but my job is not to make you feel comfortable...and if you don't like his views, you challenge them and engage with them and figure out how a smart person like that can have views like that'."

The professor was lambasted for her comments and hundreds of university academics, students and alumni signed an open letter condemning her earlier comments and calling for an apology.

Student Union president Kate Cole said: "Freedom of speech is not an excuse for homophobia."

Clarifying her comments in a public statement, Prof Richardson said: "I might have hoped that a career-long track record of speaking out against discrimination in all its forms helps answer the concerns being expressed.

"It is a matter of great regret to me that my words are being used to call into question this impressive, sustained endeavour to make Oxford a diverse and inclusive university.

"I am proud of everything we do in this regard and I give it, as I always have, my wholehearted support."

Sculptures stand out in blood cancer campaign

Rupert Beazley and the sculpture of his name

A LIFE size 3D letterform sculpture of a Wallingford resident has gone on display as part of a public art installation in London to mark the launch of the Make Blood Cancer Visible campaign.

The sculpture of Rupert Beazley's first name stands at 5ft 10in tall – his height – and is one of 104 sculptures on display during September.

This month marks blood cancer awareness month and the 104 individuals that are diagnosed with blood cancer every day.

Rupert said his diagnosis of Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia (CLL) - the most common form of leukaemia in adults in the UK – came as a "frightening and traumatic shock".

"I had very little information and found it hard to explain what living with this incurable blood cancer meant.

"Since my diagnosis, I'm very proud of having become a trustee of the CLL Support Association (CLLSA), the only UK charity dedicated to providing education, support, and advocacy to help empower people living with CLL."

The installation in Paternoster Square aims to bring more attention to blood cancer across the UK.

CLL is a cancer of a type of white blood cell called a B lymphocyte which plays a role in the immune system – this makes CLL patients at increased risk of infections and other diseases.

CLL cells can accumulate in the bone marrow, blood, and lymph nodes and can cause organ enlargement, tiredness, weight loss, night sweats and fever.

Visit cllsupport.org.uk/home for information.

InBrief

Jewellery returned

A WOMAN who had jewellery stolen from her will be reunited with the items after a police investigation.

On August 29 a Henley jeweller contacted neighbourhood police after he became suspicious when he was offered two small bags of jewellery in return for cash. He declined the jewellery and the person offering it left the store.

A police officer attended the store, spoke to the jeweller and viewed CCTV footage of the exchange.

Following an investigation, many items of suspected stolen jewellery have been recovered from a shop in Reading.

Detective Sergeant Aidan Donohoe said: "This jewellery has been identified as coming from a burglary at a house in the Henley area that happened in late August."

He asked any businesses dealing in second hand jewellery to be alert to suspicious transactions and contact the police if they are offered anything which concerns them.

Business safari

OXFORDSHIRE Business Safari, a business exhibition, will be at The Manor Country House Hotel in Weston-on-the-Green on Thursday, October 5, to host 30 exhibitor stands, a series of workshops and a networking lunch.

The event from 10am to 4pm is free to attend, for more information go to eventssmith.co.uk

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News

Funding helps ex-offenders back into society and work

EX-OFFENDERS are being helped back into society thanks to a grant funded by money from the police.

Aspire Oxford has received £2,500 and used the money to support its Through the Gate project, which focuses on building links between ex-offenders and employers and in turn can break the cycle of re-offending.

The grant awarded last year by the police property act fund helped the organisation engage with employers and also provided ex-offenders from Bullingdon and Spring Hill Prisons with ongoing mentoring and guidance.

Police and crime commissioner for the Thames Valley, Anthony Stansfeld said: "I am delighted that we have been able to help Aspire Oxford in their efforts to assist ex-offenders in Oxfordshire.

"As some of the money within the fund is from seizures from criminals it only seems fitting that the funding should be used to either help those most affected by crime or in this case help to rehabilitate those who have previously offended."

Chief executive officer of Aspire Oxford, Paul Roberts said: "This funding has enabled Aspire to support ex-offenders into and towards employment at a critical stage in their transition and we've produced an employers' handbook that breaks down stigma and helps local companies become more inclusive in their recruitment practices.

"The benefits of this funding for our local community will be immense."

The police property act fund is created from money recovered by the police and the proceeds from the sale of items that cannot be returned to identified owners, including seizures from criminals.

Aspire was one of 40 organisations to receive over £140,000 from the fund last year.

Business park welcomes first client

A BICESTER manufacturer has become the first company to take on a unit at a new business park in the town.

British Bakels announced it has pre-purchased an 80,000 sq ft building at the Link 9 commercial development off Skimmingdish Lane.

British Bakels, which manufactures food ingredients for bakers and supermarkets, is a key local employer with more than 200 staff.

Building work will start on the new unit soon and will open next summer.

British Bakels, which moved to Bicester in 1990, said the new site would be an additional distribution facility to support its main manufacturing operation in Granville Way.

It currently rents extra storage space in nearby Murdock Road.

Base's big birthday bash

THOUSANDS of military personnel and their family and friends enjoyed a day packed with activities, displays and musical performances to celebrate RAF Brize Norton's 80th year.

The military base's extra special annual Families Day and Brizefest on September 2 was a way for the station to say a big 'thank you' for everybody's support and commitment.

Crowds of visitors were entertained with a variety of activities, including displays from the RAF Falcons, the RAF police dogs and a mountain bike stunt team.

Station commander, group captain Tim Jones said: "Today is a thank you to the families of RAF Brize Norton, to the military, the regulars, the reserves, to the civilians and contractors and all the families who support us.

"We have had a brilliant turn out and it's great to see everyone having great fun and what a nice way to end the summer."

This year's event attracted record ticket sales. John Coghlan's Quo and Back for Good, a Take That tribute act, entertained the crowds.

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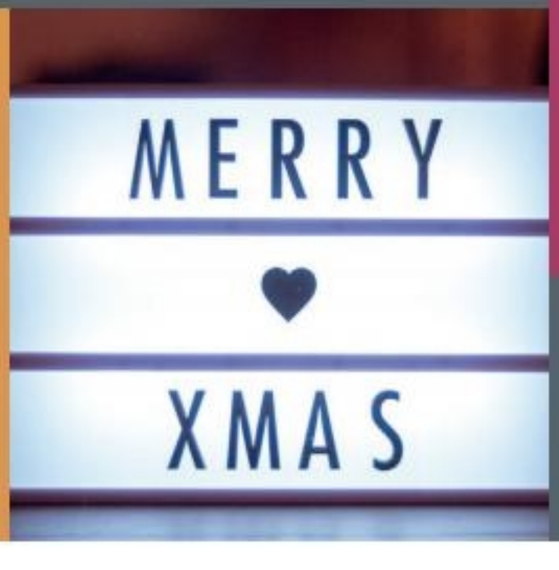

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School fears if homes plan is given approval

By Eva Astreinidou

PARENTS fear pupils in a small village may have to move schools if plans for a development of 74 homes are given the go ahead.

A campaign group fighting the development says it is 'outraged' limited school places could mean children have to move schools.

The county council has warned the current infrastructure in East Hagbourne would not be able to accommodate the increasing demand for school places.

In response to parents' concerns, a county council representative said: "It's highly likely a larger proportion of its pupils would be drawn from within the catchment area, and a smaller proportion from outside the catchment area – since 'in-catchment' pupils have priority when families apply for school places.

"It would not, of course, mean that current pupils at the school who live outside the catchment area, would have to move to alternative schools."

The campaign group 'Red light Greenlight' has also been fighting against what it describes as 'dangerous' development plans as traffic across from the primary school would increase. Campaigners have requested a road safety audit to examine the risks.

A spokesperson from Greenlight said the developers carried out a transport assessment report that concluded that while the development would slightly increase traffic flows on Main Road and past the school, adequate pedestrian facilities would be available for children to safely access the school.

They added: "OCC Highways have also now confirmed that they have no objections to the proposals.

"As part of the planning application traffic calming measures are proposed on Main Road including a raised junction table and a gateway feature on the approach to the entrance to the village on Main Road to slow vehicle speeds past the school. This would take the form of a white picket fence provided in the verge on either side of the carriageway with a 'Welcome to East Hagbourne Village' sign."

InBrief

Uni cyber attacks

OXFORD University is one of three universities to be hit by hundreds of cyber-attacks every year, according to a national newspaper.

The Times reported last week that Oxford, Warwick and University College London had all suffered breaches that sought to steal research data and documents.

The Freedom of information request revealed more than 1,152 intrusions into UK university networks had been recorded in 2016-17.

Hear plants talk

RENOWNED plantsman Roy Lancaster will give a talk and sign copies of his new book, My Life with Plants, at Cotswold Wildlife Park on Sunday, October 8.

There is no charge for the talk but places must be reserved by emailing gardens@cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk (subject to availability).

Normal admission charges apply.

Help with reading

A SCHEME which helps children to read is in need of more volunteers now the new school year has begun.

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Barrie shows great fortitude to complete mammoth event

By Eva Astreinidou

A FEARLESS man looking to test his mental strength has returned from an epic four-day challenge.

Barrie Jackson, from Goring Heath, has so far raised more than £980 by hiking the 978 metres of Scafell Pike, cycling 100 miles and completing a half marathon.

He was one of 62 colleagues who crossed the finish line in Birmingham on Thursday last week after taking on the challenge in support of Mental Health UK.

He and his colleagues from the Lloyds Banking Group have raised a whopping £317,097 by testing their resolve through The Fourtitude Challenge, a name chosen to reflect that one in four people experience mental health problems.

The demanding challenge is in aid of Lloyds Banking Group's partnership with Mental Health UK which aims to promote awareness of the link between mental health and money problems. Barrie, 48, said: "The challenge was really tough. The individual elements were challenging enough but doing them one after the other over four days was truly exhausting. We bonded as a team during the challenge and our collective determination helped me through it. I hope this challenge inspires more people to get involved and help raise money for this important cause."

Barrie Jackson has completed The Fourtitude Challenge with 62 colleagues

The fearless Fourtituders set off in four teams, one from each of the home nations, and climbed the highest mountain in their respective countries on the first two days.

On day three, they came together to take part in 'the long road' challenge, cycling 100 miles across hilly Peak District roads.

As if that wasn't enough, the next day participants left before dawn to take part in the Out of the Dark challenge, a half marathon along the Birmingham canal towpaths.

Fiona Cannon, responsible business and inclusion director at Lloyds Banking Group, said: "It's great to see so many colleagues taking part in the challenge with determination, stamina and positivity."

Brian Dow, managing director of Mental Health UK, added: "I want to say a huge thank you to all involved."

To donate, visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/barrie-jackson.

InBrief

Duathlon challenge

EVER fancied taking part in a triathlon but not sure if you're up to it? An event in Oxford next month is offering a taster.

Oxford's GO TRI Duathlon, open to all ages and abilities, will be held at Horspath sports ground on October 28.

The event features a 2.8km run, an 8km bike stage, followed by a final 2.8m run to the finish.

For more information and to register for the event, visit: https://tinyurl.com/ybo2x7hz.

Burglars steal cash

THREE burglars stole cash and threatened a 69-year-old woman in her home in Berinsfield.

The men entered the house in Abbey Woods Close on Tuesday last week around 12.10am, searched it and threatened the woman but did not injure her before stealing the cash.

It is not known if they left on foot or in a vehicle.

The first offender is a black man, aged between 25 and 36 and about 5ft 11ins to 6ft tall.

The other two are aged in their late teens or early 20s and both have slight builds. One is white, but the ethnicity of the other is unclear.

All wore dark or grey hooded tops, and dark full-length lower body clothing. They may have been wearing black trainers and blue gloves.

If you have any information, call police on 101.

Film makers bid to make other news

TWO Bicester-based film makers are using their experience working in local television to create their own comedy documentary.

Ross Arrowsmith and Scott Morgan have spent months putting the finishing touches to the script and putting the cast together.

Last week, filming for the pilot episode, called In Other News, got under way and is expected to be ready by the end of October.

Ross said the idea for the show came from humorous situations he and Scott encountered while working in local television.

Set just after the launch of fictitious TV channel South UK TV Oxfordshire, the show documents the escapades of the people behind the scenes as they report on "ridiculous news stories, overcome technical difficulties, deal with eccentric local citizens all whilst fulfilling their Ofcom requirements".

Ross said: "Think the Anchorman film meets The Office.

"All of the cast and crew originate from Oxfordshire, with the episode set in various locations around the county.

"For some of the cast, this is the first ever acting project.

Ross Arrowsmith, right and above the cast of In Other News which is due to be ready by the end of next month

"Once the pilot episode is completed, the plan is to produce a full series of six 20-minute episodes, following the story of a small television channel."

A crowdfunding campaign is due to be launched in November to raise the £6,000 needed to fund the further five episodes.

Filming will take place at Oxford Office Furniture, which has donated some of its office space to the team to create the studio where much of the episode is set.

For more information go to endlessdayproductions.co.uk/inothernews

Don't be shy – look a stranger in the eye in unique event

TAKE part in a unique event in Oxford and join in an eye contact experiment.

Members of the public are invited to go and 'connect' with strangers or friends at Bonn Square on September 23.

The event from 1pm to 4pm will see Oxford joining in a global day called the eye experiment, which explores the 'power of eye contact'.

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College scheme to be more inclusive

AN Oxford University college will be implementing new measures to 'broaden diversity' and support less well-off students.

Christ Church College will offer four annual scholarships for students with outstanding academic potential from low or middle-income households, as well as summer bursaries to help students with living costs to carry out internships or other work placements.

The college will also look to strengthen its existing links with organisations that help young people from less advantaged backgrounds.

Dr Jennifer Yee, tutor for admissions at Christ Church, said: "I came here from a completely non-Oxford background, and I've found it to be a remarkably friendly and relaxed place. The people here come from more diverse backgrounds than you might think, but maintaining and broadening that diversity is something we need to work on. That's why we're introducing these new access initiatives."

Right, Corpus Christi College's gardener; above, Wadham College's LGBT+ celebration Queerbop and below, Christ Church's Great Hall where scenes from Harry Potter were filmed

Pictures: *Martin Parr/Magnum Photos*

Photos focus on secret life of uni

By Eva Astreinidou

NEVER before seen photographs of life, work and centuries-old traditions at Oxford University are on display.

The exhibition by world-renonwed British photographer Martin Parr features 69 images taken over three years, documenting some of the most iconic and interesting traditions and events at the university.

Mr Parr said: "I have long been fascinated by Oxbridge and when this opportunity arose to shoot a long-term project, looking behind the scenes at the secret life of Oxford University, I jumped at this challenge. [I had] access to events and scenes, well hidden away from public view and this was a great privilege to both witness and document."

The unique photos include a group portrait of the university's inter-college tortoise race, behind-the-scenes photographs of some of Oxford's college balls, as well as photographs of end-of-exam 'trashing' and other events that have been a part of Oxford life for centuries.

Mr Parr has also photographed academic life including tutorials, lectures and cutting-edge research activity and college life.

From 2014 to 2016 the photographer was given unique access to ceremonies and celebrations across the university.

Richard Ovenden of the Bodleian Library, said: "I'm sure this new collection, looking at the many different aspects of Oxford life will be of huge interest to Martin's fans, local residents, visitors and alumni alike. This is a rare opportunity to see work of a brilliant photographer who normally only exhibits at larger international galleries."

The free exhibition is at the Weston Library until October 22.

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Beth Copeland collects her award from Inspector Chloe Robinson

Student cops police award

A UNIVERSITY graduate from Kidlington has won a Thames Valley Police award for picking up top marks in her studies and the quality of her work on the force.

Beth Copeland, of High Street, graduated with first-class honours in police studies with criminal investigation from Buckinghamshire New University.

The 21-year-old was presented with the Thames Valley Police Shield at her graduation after impressing while working as a special constable in High Wycombe for two years.

Beth, who is now working as a 999 operator at the force's HQ in Kidlington, said she was 'very honoured' even to be nominated and that winning the award is one of her 'proudest achievements'.

She added: "The highlight of my three years at Bucks New University was most definitely the two years in High Wycombe.

"I enjoyed it so much I have continued working in the role alongside my position in Kidlington.

"Working as a special constable gave me a valuable insight into the world of policing, of the experiences that officers face daily and the pressures that are facing policing officers in contemporary society."

Senior lecturer Maurice Collins praised Beth's 'positive attitude and energy', adding that she was an 'excellent student' and a 'role model' to others.

Inspector Chloe Robinson, who presented the award, said Beth was "a credit to the special constabulary and an absolute pleasure to work with".

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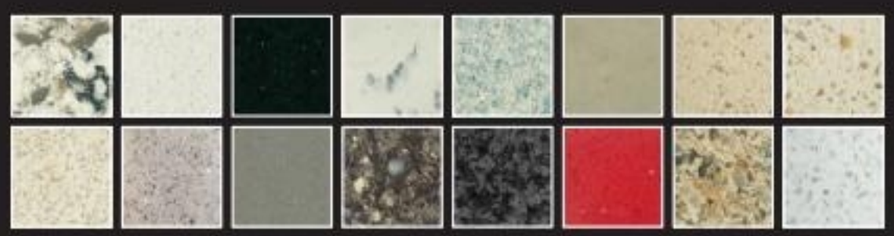

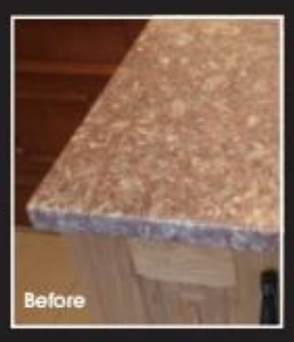

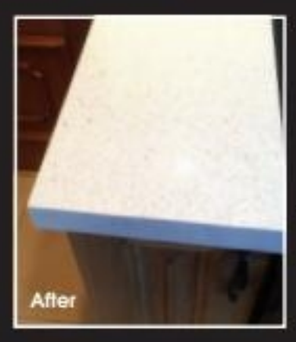

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Celebrating 10 years of giving

By George Welch

AS a teenager Andy Baker had no idea that a one-off charity football tournament was just the start of an emotional journey that would help change the lives of thousands of people.

He can't quite believe that 10 years ago yesterday he and a friend founded Play2Give, a fundraising group that has raised more than £60,000 for charity.

It all started with a football tournament in 2007 raising money for Oxford Children's Hospital.

And this year he has been the driving force behind a record-breaking year that peaked with his personal proudest moment – being awarded a British Citizen Award for his non-stop fundraising.

His 'baby' has gone from strength to strength and is looking to smash this year's goal of raising £10,000 in its 10th year.

The 29-year-old former St Birinus School pupil, who described the milestone as a 'dream', said: "When I formed P2G 10 years ago never did I imagine that it would have become the true success story that it has today.

"Never did I think P2G would still be going a whole decade later – from what was just a single event back then as a football tournament to the ever-growing fundraising organisation that we are today."

Andy Baker received his British Citizen Award from TV presenter Michael Underwood in July

Andy suffered a brain injury as a baby and had brain surgery again aged 12 and has used his own experience as motivation.

More than half a dozen charities have benefitted from his fundraising efforts but his two main benefactors – Headway Oxfordshire and Oxford Children's Hospital – have helped him negotiate the troubles of living with brain injuries.

His condition can lead to severe headaches, extreme tiredness and an uncomfortable loss of balance – but this hasn't held him back.

Andy added: "P2G is only here today thanks to everyone who has got involved, been involved with or donated, or sponsored in some way."

Dawn Graham with rescue pup Mayhem taking part in the course

Top barks for puppy pupils

YOUNG canines graduated with top barks as part of puppy awareness week.

The group of puppies successfully graduated into dog-hood after completing a six-week programme at 'puppy school' in North Hinksey, Oxford.

Together with their owners, the four pups – Cockapoo Megan, rescue pup Mayhem, terrier Murphy, and Jimbo the Bichon Frise – spent six weeks learning obedience, socialising and nutrition, and are just one group of over 20 across the country doing the same.

Gwen Bailey, founder of Puppy School, said: "We're delighted to be celebrating the graduation of some of our amazing classes of 2017 – they've achieved so much in just six weeks and are a credit to the tutors and the owners who have worked so hard. We look forward to hearing how they progress after their graduation."

The course was organised by Natures Menu and the puppies were congratulated by managing director Craig Taylor.

InBrief

Trial drug helps to give student a life

A PhD student being treated for blood cancer has encouraged patients to learn about NHS research after a new trial drug helped him get out of bed again by himself.

Previously bedbound Thomas Nealon, from Oxford, is now able to regularly commute to London's Brunel University thanks to the drug.

The 39-year-old took part in the CARDAMON trial and pain has since eased.

As part of the experiment, researchers are trying to figure out whether a drug, taken with two others, is more effective at making the cancer go into remission than a stem cell transplant, which can cause complications.

Mr Nealon enrolled on the trial after his diagnosis in October 2015 and made his plea to other patients as part of National Blood Cancer Awareness Month (September).

Patients wanting to participate should ask their doctor or visit www.ukctg.nihr.ac.uk to find out more about research opportunities.

Antisocial behaviour

THERE have been numerous reports of antisocial behaviour and criminal damage in Marcham including broken windows and items being moved. Police have increased patrols especially in the evenings and early hours.

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The survey confirms what some Audiologists have suspected for some time, that hearing aids are not only good for correcting hearing loss but in fact contribute to better and more active lives, better quality of life, and better overall health.

For the hearing impaired workers who wear a hearing aid it is reported that their hearing aids are useful for their job and that the hearing aids also increase the chance of them getting promoted, being in the right job and getting more salary compared to those hearing impaired people who have not obtained hearing aids.

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Female scientist to help develop the next generation

A HEALTHCARE scientist who works in Oxford has been chosen as an 'ambassador' for the next generation of women working in the field.

Dr Lisa Ayers, *pictured*, an immunologist who works at Oxford's Churchill Hospital will be undertaking special leadership training through the Chief Scientific Officer's (CSO) Women in Science and Engineering fellowship (WISE), which starts this month.

She has been selected for the prestigious programme that launched in conjunction with International's Women Day last year.

Over the coming year, Dr Ayers will have the chance to be mentored by senior leaders in healthcare, industry and academia.

She will also have the opportunity to join senior leaders at NHS England healthcare science advisory meetings.

Speaking about the opportunity to represent the Oxford University Hospitals (OUH) Trust, which owns the hospital, she said: "I have been very fortunate to be surrounded by inspiring female role models in the Trust, who have supported and encouraged my aspirations. I now wish to use this experience to encourage the next generation of healthcare scientists."

Dr Ayers, who has worked for OUH for the past 12 years, volunteers as a STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) ambassador, providing support to schools, local career fairs and national science competitions.

She undertook her clinical scientist training in immunology, studying for a Masters and PhD part-time.

Last year, she was awarded a healthcare science rising star award.

Safety concerns at Bullingdon

Report finds high levels of violence, drugs and gang problems

By Eva Astreinidou

THE prisons watchdog has warned that a prison in Oxfordshire is not 'safe enough'.

A damning report on HMP Bullingdon found the prison has high levels of violence, a drug and gang problem, and needs more staff.

This comes after an unannounced inspection of the Bicester prison, which holds 1,100 prisoners, between April and May.

In the last inspection in 2015, about a third of prisoners felt unsafe and violence remained high.

At the time, the watchdog made 17 recommendations in the area of safety but in the follow-up inspection it found only seven of the recommendations had been achieved, and 10 had not been reached.

The latest report from HM Inspectorate of Prisons reads: "Far more prisoners than at similar prisons and than at the time of the previous inspection said that they had felt unsafe at some time at the establishment, that they currently felt unsafe and that they had been victimised by other prisoners, often because of drugs, debt, gang-related activity or being new to the prison."

According to the report, the number of recorded acts of violence had increased 'sharply' and peaked during the summer of 2016.

The report, released on Wednesday last week, said the number of serious assaults on other prisoners had increased and averaged around six per month, while the number of assaults on staff had also increased, to almost seven per month.

The report also cited 'severe, ongoing' staff shortages and that drugs, mobile phones and weapons were regularly discovered.

But Peter Clarke, chief inspector of prisons, said many at the jail were "doing their best" to make things better.

He added: "The key message from this inspection was the urgent need for increased staffing. It was clear to us that this was a strategic problem that was undermining everything the prison was trying to do.

"Despite this... many – not least the governor – were doing their best to effect improvement and were proving capable in doing so.

"This suggested that there was cause for continued optimism."

InBrief

Dogs take the lead

CHARITY Dogs for Good is calling all top dogs in Oxfordshire to take the lead and get busy fetching funds for Dogtober.

Taking place throughout next month, Dogtober is designed to put the fun into fundraising.

The charity has six ideas to help raise vital funds to train dogs that make life-changing differences to people with disabilities.

Visit www.dogsforgood.org to learn about the ideas and to download a fundraising pack.

Nearly new sale

A FUNDRAISING team aiming to raise more than £100,000 for new play areas is inviting people to a sale of outgrown toys and clothes.

Madley Park Community Group is throwing the 'nearly new sale' on September 24 from 10am to 12pm at Madley Park Hall, Northfield Farm Lane, Witney.

£1 donation goes to the play fund.

Walk for dementia

THERE'S still a chance to sign up to this year's Oxford Memory Walk for Alzheimer's Society.

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It's been ten years since I regularly graced TV screens helping transform people's living spaces with MDF and stripped floorboards. Recently it's been more "celebrity muck out" than "celebrity make-over" as I took up the challenge of owning my own Wildlife Zoo in Tenby. In this time I've learnt quiet a lot about fences and having researched the various options for my own benefit I thought I would share my knowledge with a wider audience.

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Take a walk in the park

WITH the latest health advice recommending we all do 10 minutes of brisk walking a day, how about trying out Nordic walking?

What's so great about it is that everyone can do it!

Nordic walking is the fastest growing fitness activity in the world and can be enjoyed by anyone of any age.

It's a highly effective way to get fit, is affordable and fun and doesn't require any expensive equipment or clothing.

Walkers simply use poles to exercise their upper body as they walk. The poles help to propel the walker along meaning you work harder than usual but the support from the poles makes it feel easier.

Oxford City Council is celebrating the benefits of the exercise at its first Nordic Walking Festival later this month.

Whether familiar with the exercise or not, all are encouraged to go along and give it a try and find out more.

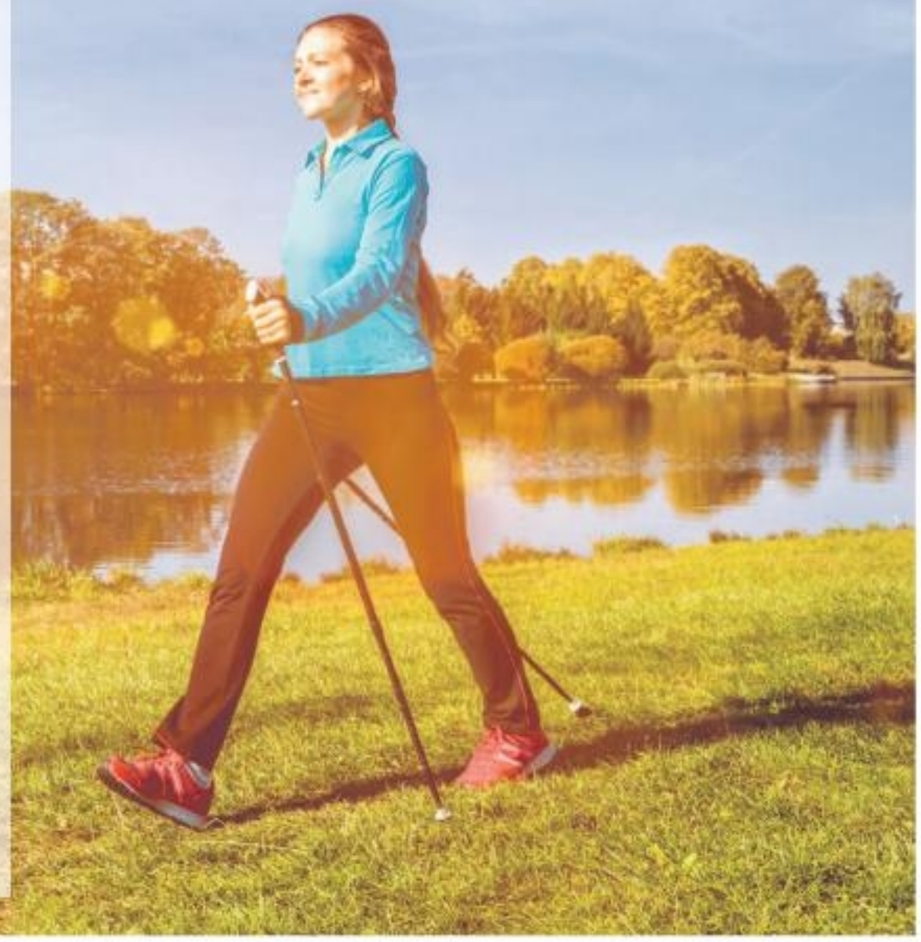
The event takes place on Saturday September 23 in Cutteslowe Park from 1pm to 4pm and includes:

- Free taster walks for those new to Nordic Walking (at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm)
- A £2 timed lap of the Cutteslowe Peace Mile to challenge more experienced Nordic Walkers (every half an hour between 1pm and 3.30pm)
- A £3 Nordic Walk into the countryside surrounding Cutteslowe Park for those who have already completed a Learn to Nordic Walking Course (1pm or 2.30pm)
- Opportunities to meet the team of local instructors and find out more about upcoming Nordic Walking courses
- Opportunities to book onto upcoming courses
- Tea, coffee and refreshments

Councillor Linda Smith, executive board member for leisure, parks and sport, said: "I'm really looking forward to giving Nordic Walking a try at Oxford's inaugural Nordic Walking Festival in beautiful Cutteslowe Park later this month.

"It promises a full body workout suitable for most levels of fitness and also looks like great fun. Why not join me in giving it a go?"

Residents who want to find out more about the festival can contact the City Council's Sport and Physical Activity Team on sportsandphysicalactivity@oxford.gov.uk.



Go out & enjoy

Drink beer and help repair roof on hall

Marsh Gibbon villagers are gearing up to stage their third annual beer festival to help raise cash to pay for vital repairs to the village hall.

This year locally brewed beers and ciders will be on tap courtesy of XT Brewery, based in nearby Long Crendon. Billed as a family event, there will also be live music, a barbecue and entertainment including go-karts for the children.

Organiser, the Marsh Gibbon Village Hall Committee, is urging people to come along and join this "really great event" on Saturday.

The beer festival will raise money to pay for repairs and an extension to the village hall, which was built in 1976.

And this is not the first time villagers have come up with ingenious ways to raise money to support the village hall.

In order to raise enough money to build the current hall, Marsh Gibbon organised and hosted steam rallies.

The first took place in a farmer's field in 1971, but the event quickly grew – the third rally was the biggest working steam rally in Europe.

Combined the stream rallies have raised £28,000 which was enough to pay for the new village hall.

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Flashdance, what a feeling!

By Samantha McGregor

FLASHDANCE the Musical makes a return to the Oxford stage starring Strictly's Joanne Clifton and a1's Ben Adams.

The pair team up this month at the New Theatre, treading the boards from Monday until Saturday as the musical returns to the UK for the first time since 2011.

Strictly Come Dancing champion Joanne Clifton plays the role of Alex, and a1's Ben Adams will play Nick.

Flashdance is the story of 18-year-old Alex, a welder by day and 'flashdancer' by night, who dreams of going to the prestigious Shipley Dance Academy and becoming a professional dancer.

When a romance complicates her ambitions, she harnesses it to drive her dream.

Based on the Paramount Pictures film Flashdance, this inspiring musical is about the power of holding onto your dreams and love against all odds.

Combining stunning choreography and an iconic score, including the smash hits Maniac, Manhunt, Gloria, I Love Rock & Roll and the award-winning title track Flashdance - What a Feeling, this production is set to get audiences' feet tapping.

As well as starring in BBC's Strictly, Joanne is also a World and European Champion ballroom dancer, and is one of very few pro dancers to have won both the main Strictly glitter ball with Ore Oduba last year and the Christmas Special in 2015 with Harry Judd.

Joanne made her musical theatre debut in the role of Streetwalker in the musical Face The Music, and followed this up with a turn as Marilyn Monroe in the Norma Jeane Musical and as Millie Dillmount in the UK Tour of Thoroughly Modern Millie.

Ben Adams who will join Joanne on stage as Nick Hurley has been singing and performing since the age of eight.

His career started as head chorister at St Margaret's, Westminster Abbey, and at 16, he became the lead singer of the band a1, who racked up 10 million record sales and two UK number ones.

Ben said: "It's amazing to be part of such an iconic story, and as an 80's child I was brought up on this music so I couldn't be happier playing Nick in the theatre production of Flashdance."

For tickets go to the New Theatre box office on George Street, call 0844 871 3020 or go to atgtickets.com/oxford

On stage

All directions point towards folk band

Canadian folk band The East Pointers are gearing up to cross the Atlantic for a UK tour, which includes an Oxfordshire date.

The trio – fiddler and singer Tim Chaisson, Koady Chaisson on banjo and guitarist Jake Charron, play the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, in Uffington, on October 19.

The tour comes hot on the heels of the band's new album, What We Leave Behind, which is released on September 29.

Produced by songwriter and producer Gordie Sampson, What We Leave Behind is the follow-up to their 2015 JUNO award-winning debut Secret Victory.

The single 82 Fires was born out of the band's real experience of the disastrous Australian wildfires last year. Koady Chaisson said: "While on tour in Penguin, Tasmania, we spoke with an older gentleman, a lifelong resident, who said that there were 82 wildfires currently on the loose in Tasmania, the most in over half a century.

"It hit home the severity of what we were all experiencing while we were there. Being in the middle of that brings an immediacy about it. You can feel powerless."

For more information or tickets go to thmh.co.uk or call 01367 820 282.

www.eastpointers.ca

Get ready for a night of 1980s classics

Get ready for a blast from the 1980s as three favourites take to the Oxford stage this autumn.

Midge Ure, *pictured*, The Christians and Altered Images will stop off at the New Theatre for one-night only on Tuesday, October 17.

Part of a nationwide tour, the gig is headlined by Ure, who returns to his 'synth roots' after going acoustic for a period, with his band Electronica.

Taking to the stage alongside the former Ultravox singer, are The Christians who are celebrating 30 years since their first album, and Clare Grogan's Altered Images.

Ure will perform hits such as If I Was, and, of course, Vienna, which was recently voted by BBC Radio 2 listeners as the greatest ever track to reach Number 2 in the charts.

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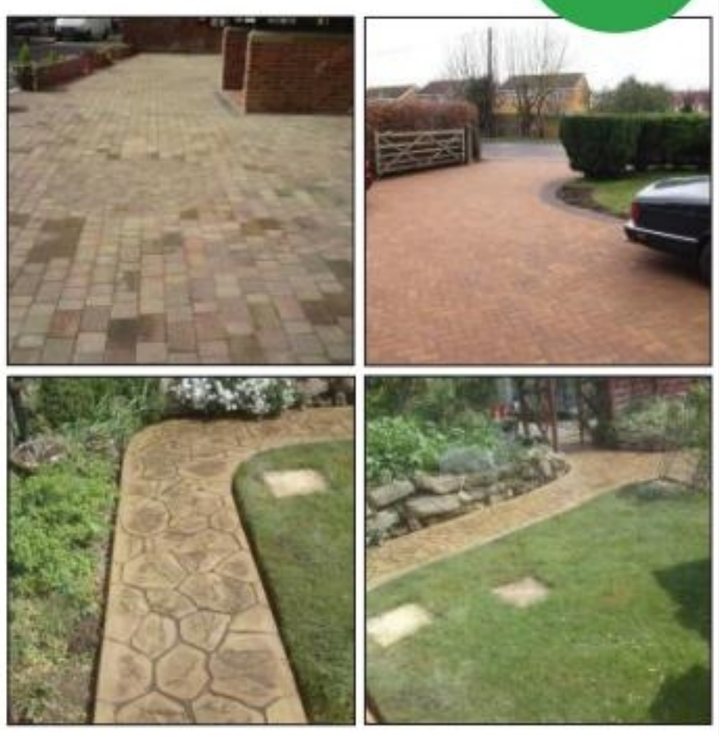

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John's going Headlong into his UK tour

By Samantha McGregor

SINGER and guitarist John Smith will stop off in the city as part of a UK tour promoting his album Headlong.

Tickets are available for John's appearance at St Barnabas Church, Oxford, on Thursday, November 16.

Produced by Sam Lakeman and featuring Cara Dillon on backing vocals, Headlong is the follow up to Great Lakes, John's last album which was released in 2013.

Headlong is Devon-born John's fifth album and was dedicated to the late John Renbourn, of Pentangle, who called him "the future of folk music".

John said: "His death really hit me hard. He was so much more to me than someone I'd played with, and who had encouraged me.

"He was a friend as well, so I wanted to reference him on this album – that's why I've dedicated it to his memory."

Among the tunes is Breakneck Motion - written during various touring stints playing guitar for the likes of Lianne La Havas and Lisa Hannigan.

While many of the songs here are inspired by John's wife and new born baby – he says together they form a magnetic north of sorts for Headlong.

His wife is the source of the redemptive, unconditional love to which 'Save My Life' is indebted – she's also the 'Joanna' of the track that bears the same title.

John, who has toured Britain, Europe and America extensively, has opened shows for artists as diverse as Iron and Wine, John Martyn, Tinariwen and Gil Scott-Heron.

He has also played on sessions for Joan Baez, Cara Dillon and Joe Henry among others, with La Havas and Hannigan both recruiting him to play lead guitar in their bands.

And John is not set to stand still any time soon. His UK and European tour kicked off this month and he will play guitar on the forthcoming album from Joan Baez, and there's an appearance on the upcoming Martin Simpson album in the pipeline.

For more information go to johnsmith johnsmith.com

On stage

Read Wipers Times

Tickets are still available for Ian Hislop and Nick Newman's critically acclaimed The Wipers Times which comes to the Oxford Playhouse from Monday to Saturday.

Set in the First World War, this stage adaptation of the award-winning BBC film is about two officers who find a printing press in a bombed out building in the Belgian town of Ypres and publish a satirical newspaper to lift the spirits of the frontline troops.

Tickets from £15 are available from the box office on 01865 305305 or at oxfordplayhouse.com

Tale of school life

There's still time to catch one of Terence Rattigan's best-known plays, The Browning Version, performed by Thame Players at the Players Theatre until Saturday.

Set on the last day of a classics master's final term at an English boys' school, what does the future holds for the academically brilliant but rather stuffy, inflexible and disliked Andrew Crocker-Harris and his vivacious and popular wife.

The play exposes a sad and poignant, yet ultimately inspiring and restorative, tale of love and longing.

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Simple steps homeowners can take now to protect their assets.

Head of April King Legal Paul King explains why some homeowners are doing **too little, too late** to protect their hard-earned assets.

Paul King, Head of April King Legal

Care Cost Fees

"A lot of people are still unaware that if they need care in later life, their assets will be means-tested by the Local Authority to help pay for these services."

"The Local Authority will look to use the assets of a person until they get down to a lower limit of £14,250, when the Local Authority will take over the fees."

"For instance, my own grandmother sadly passed away recently at the age of 92. My grandfather had died many years earlier and left everything to her."

"When she needed care in the last six years of her life, because my grandfather had left everything to her, the house and all the estate was counted in the Local Authority's means test."

"Our clients tell us, 'We've worked hard all our lives, why should the Local Authority get it all?'"

"Just as she died, she had gone down to that lower limit of £14,250 and that's all her children inherited."

"There are many myths about the steps people can take to protect their assets from being used like this."

"The main one is that a parent should simply sign their house over to the children now, so it won't be taken into consideration for means testing. That's just not true."

"Local Authorities will actually look to see if you've 'deliberately deprived' yourself of an asset by giving property away, going back over any period in time."

"Sometimes people think that if the gift is made seven years prior then the house is safe. This is not so as the seven-year rule only applies to Inheritance Tax and not Local Authority care."

"The solution is for couples to simply not leave everything to each other in the first place."

"What my grandfather could have done is leave his half of the house in trust to his children, stating that they couldn't have it while his wife, my grandmother, was still alive. We call these Property Trust Wills."

"If my grandfather had left his half of the house in trust to the children then when my grandmother subsequently received care in her later life she would only have been means tested on her own half of the house, but my grandfather's half would have been safe."

"Why should he have to contribute his half when he didn't receive any care?"

"The important factor is that couples need to act in advance. Once one party dies or loses mental capacity, through a stroke for example, then they are no longer in a position to do this legitimate and straightforward type of planning."

"It is therefore important for couples to act now even if they may not foresee care fees being an issue."

Paul goes on to explain that most clients he sees are surprised to learn remarriage usually cancels a Will and makes the spouse next in line to inherit, ahead of their own children! Protecting your half of the house in this way, he suggests, ensures that your children ultimately inherit when the survivor dies.

"Had my grandmother remarried after the death of my grandfather the whole estate could have passed sideways out of the family," says Paul.

Lasting Power of Attorney

Paul explains how people often get confused thinking that, because they have made a Will, their executors can also deal with assets if there is illness, stroke or some other form of incapacity while they are still alive.

"Everyone should actually have two documents – a Will that deals with their estate on death, and a Lasting Power of Attorney that deals with their estate during their lifetime," he says.

"There are two types of Lasting Power of Attorney – one deals with finance, the other deals with health and welfare."

"In many ways it's similar to a passport; a document that's registered now and one which can be physically handed to the attorneys should the need arise."

"It allows the attorneys, perhaps the children, to deal with the banks and pension companies etc should their parent become incapacitated, but also to deal with matters such as where the parent should be living and how they should receive care."

"Your attorneys, again perhaps your children, must legally act in your best interests at all times."

"You can choose a number of attorneys to act, either jointly or independently, and April King advises on the various options available."

"Couples are often surprised to discover that even joint bank accounts can be frozen until the bank sees sight of a Lasting Power of Attorney document."

"Having a Lasting Power of Attorney removes the burden on children should ill health happen further down the line."

"It helps a family deal with bank accounts and so on during a parent's lifetime and ceases on death."

"Crucially, you have to complete a Lasting Power of Attorney while you are still in good mental health."

"If someone becomes ill through say, a stroke or dementia, this option is lost and the family would have to apply for a Deputyship Order from the Court of Protection – a drawn out and expensive process."

"It is therefore a good idea for clients to plan ahead and remove any future burden from the family."

"Once again, all adults should be thinking of this, particularly when there are children or a business involved."

"It's not just something to think about when you get older, that's the challenge for us."

"People think, 'I'm not ill, why do I need to make a Power of Attorney?' But they're missing the point. This is a document that has to be done in advance."

"The Lasting Power of Attorney remains in place until you die unless you want to cancel it."

"Once it's registered, you don't have to worry if you then develop some debilitating illness. A burden has been removed from the family at an already difficult time."

Bloodline Trust Wills

The majority of April King's clients have already made standard 'Mirror Wills' with other firms before approaching the Firm. A Mirror Will is when a couple leave everything to each other on the first death, then to the children when the second partner dies. But modern family life means these type of Wills leave a lot to chance.

Explains Paul: "If I have a Mirror Will leaving everything to my wife and she remarries or goes into care after my death then either the new husband or the Local Authority are likely to inherit most, if not all, of my estate ahead of my children."

"Even if my children are named in my Mirror Will, it is by no means certain that they will inherit anything."

"Once again, this is because a remarriage would cancel the Will my wife had previously made with me and make the new husband next-of-kin."

"This often comes as a big shock to my clients who had perhaps thought that all was in order and that the family bloodline would one day inherit."

"The same is true for thinking that their children and/or grandchildren will one day benefit under a Mirror Will."

"If any of your children should die leaving everything to their husband or wife and that son-in-law or daughter-in-law should then remarry, then your grandchildren would be the ones to lose out under the line of inheritance."

"Worse still, someone else's grandchildren would be in line to receive the benefit of all your years of hard work."

"I've experienced this in my own family and I'm sure most people have had similar experiences or heard of someone who has."

"Bloodline Trust Wills give greater protection to your children."

"These type of Wills not only give your children complete control and access to the inheritance they receive from you, they also grant added protection from the twists and turns of modern family life."

"The wording in these Wills states that any money left over on their demise must pass to any children born of them – your grandchildren."

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WORDWHEEL

You have 10 mins to find as many words as possible using the letters in the wheel. Each must use the hub letter and at least 3 others. Letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns. There is at least one 9-letter word to be found.

How you rate:
15 words, average; 20 words, good; 25 words, very good; 30 or more, excellent.

DOUBLE CROSSWORD

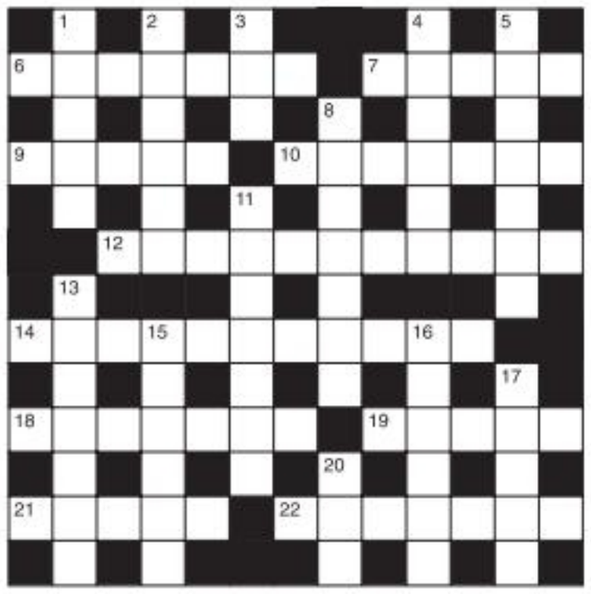
Cryptic Clues:

Across

6. Date and remove (4,3)
7. A fat lot to drink (5)
9. Not only soldiers may be bored by it (5)
10. Routing must be carefully arranged for its success (7)
12. Most actors probably hope for it (3,4,4)
14. Public announcements of secret rites (6,5)
18. Have everybody behind you (7)
19. Not immediately required to show mercy (5)
21. Fast number of vehicles (5)
22. Books of records I'd brought back to sign (7)

Down

1. Minister of the armed forces (5)
2. It's often drunk, though too much is bad for it (6)
3. Dog used in security (3)
4. Excite with a bit of spooning? (4,2)
5. Fish the Royal Navy is brought in to protect (7)
8. Study variety in a partner (7)
11. Coastal waterfall (3-4)
13. Alarm rattles disturb (7)
15. He's mastered the art of eating out (6)
16. Breathe out, finally (6)
17. Something the lawyer makes short work of? (5)
20. Tear in strips (3)



Quick Clues:

Across

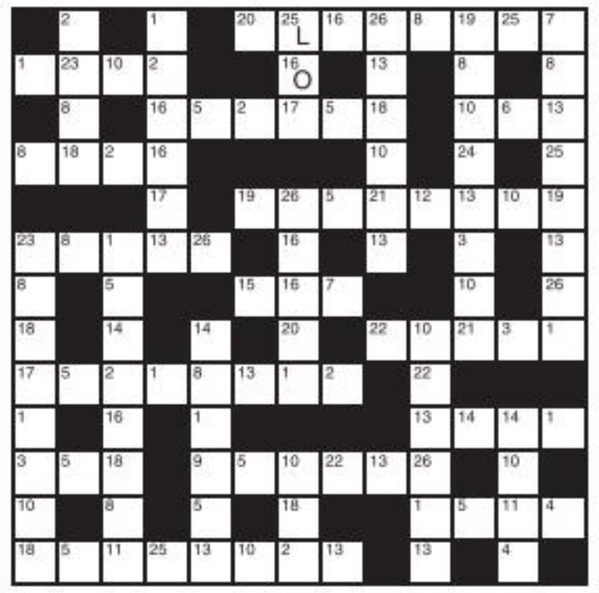
6. Not so heavy (7)
7. Tribunal (5)
9. Theme (5)
10. Child's room (7)
12. Slow down (6,5)
14. Moulded paper pulp (6-5)
18. Stupid (7)
19. Sorrow (5)
21. Stall (5)
22. Merit (7)

Down

1. Guide (5)
2. Option (6)
3. Small cask (3)
4. Idle talk (6)
5. Mercy (7)
8. Burial (7)
11. Stream (7)
13. Ardour (7)
15. Set fire to (6)
16. Injured (6)
17. Dig (5)
20. Jewel (3)

CODEWORD

Codeword is the crossword puzzle with no clues. The number in each square corresponds to a letter. Work out the words in the grid using the letters provided. Fill in these known letters first, then use skill and judgement to work out the others.



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

DOUBLE CROSSWORD:
Cryptic: Across: 1 Catching on; 7 Iraqi; 8 Betrays; 10 Nominate; 11 Glum; 13 Tackle; 15 Teaser; 17 Ibid; 18 Operetta; 21 Genuine; 22 Ideal; 23 Distressed.
Down: 1 Claim; 2 Triangle; 3 Habits; 4 Note; 5 Oracles; 6 Signet ring; 9 Somersault; 12 Near miss; 14 Chianti; 16 Apiece; 19 Trend; 20 Mint.

Quick: Across: 1 Miscellany; 7 Otter; 8 Adverse; 10 Foretell; 11 Just; 13 Serene; 15 Career; 17 Alps; 18 Bewilder; 21 Egotist; 22 Guess; 23 Afterwards.
Down: 1 Meter; 2 Scrutiny; 3 Enable; 4 Live; 5 Nurture; 6 Confiscate; 9 Enterprise; 12 Malinger; 14 Reproof; 16 Bestow; 19 Dress; 20 Ripe.

SUDOKU:

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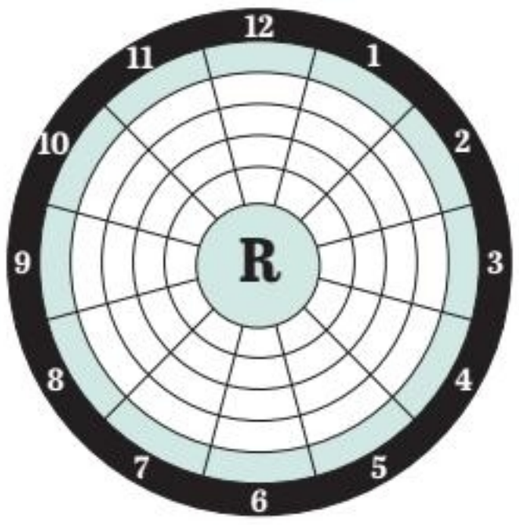
6	1	3	5	7	9	4	2	8

CODEWORD:
1=K, 2=Q, 3=A, 4=E, 5=W, 6=R, 7=M, 8=N, 9=Y, 10=Z, 11=O, 12=F, 13=T, 14=I, 15=V, 16=L, 17=U, 18=G, 19=C, 20=D, 21=B, 22=J, 23=S, 24=H, 25=P, 26=X.

WORD WHEEL:
CARETAKER.

CLOCKWORD

The solutions from 1 to 12 are all six-letter words ending with the letter R in the centre. Moving clockwise from 1, the letters in the outer circle will spell out the name of a TV comedian.



1. Trader
2. Deer's horn
3. Gas
4. Weather map line
5. Weapon
6. Black and white mammal
7. Protective covering
8. Deviation
9. Peril
10. Weaken
11. Rubber
12. Solicitor

NINER

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

THE CLUES:

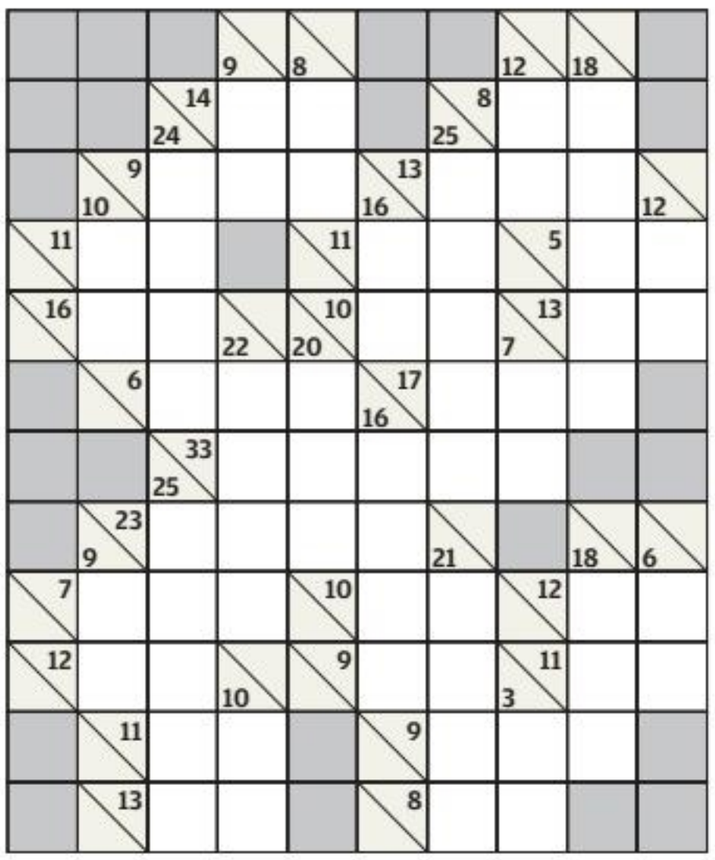
47831 gives a capital city;
9627 gives a capital city;
57857961 gives an island nation.

KAKURO

Fill in the white squares with the numbers 1 to 9.

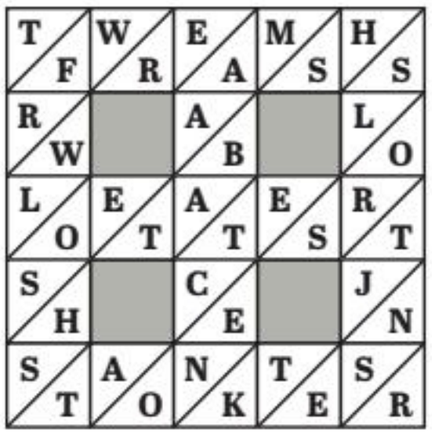
Each horizontal block of squares must add up to the number in the shaded square to its left, and each vertical block must add up to the number in the shaded square above it.

No number may be used more than once in any one block.



SPLIT DECISION

Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.



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SUDOKU

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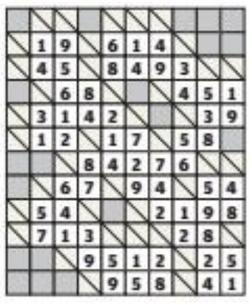
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

CLOCKWORD:
1 Mohair, 2 Angler, 3 Rafter, 4 Canter, 5 Easter, 6 Larder, 7 Orator, 8 Saucer, 9 Answer, 10 Labour, 11 Appear, 12 Senior.

CELEBRITY: Marcelo Salas.

NINER:
CLARIONET.

KAKURO:



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SPLIT DECISION:

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BBC1

DAYTIME 6.00 **Breakfast** (S) **9.15 Council House Crackdown** (S) **10.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **11.00 Dom on the Spot** (S) **11.45 Thief Trackers** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S) **1.00 BBC News at One; Weather** (S) **1.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **1.45 Doctors** (S) **2.15 The Boss** (S) **3.00 Escape to the Country** (S) **3.45 Garden Rescue** (S) **4.30 Celebrity Money for Nothing** (S) **5.15 Pointless** (S) **6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather** (S) **6.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S)

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- **7.00 The One Show** (S)
- **7.30 A Question of Sport** With Sarah Storey, Graeme Swann and Sam Tomkins; (S)(R) BBC News; Regional News (S)

8
- **8.00 EastEnders** The Kazemis receive worrying news. (S)
- **8.30 Celebrity MasterChef** The last of the semi-finals. (S)

9

10
- **10.00 BBC News at Ten** (S)
- **10.25 BBC Regional News and Weather;** (S) National Lottery Update (S)
- **10.35 Comedy Playhouse: Static** Sitcom, starring Rob Beckett. (S)

11
- **11.05 Room 101** With Heston Blumenthal, Kirsty Wark and James Acaster. (S)(R)
- **11.35 The NFL Show** Mark Chapman presents. (S)

AFTER 12
- **12.05 FILM Rogue (2007) (15)** Thriller, starring Radha Mitchell. (S)
- **1.40** Weather for the Week Ahead (S)
- **1.45** BBC News (S)

BBC2

6.00 **Flog It! Trade Secrets** (S)(R) **6.30 Council House Crackdown** (S)(R) **7.15 Garden Rescue** (S)(R) **8.00 Sign Zone: Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **9.00 Victoria Derbyshire** (S) **11.00 BBC Newsroom Live** (S) **12.00 Daily Politics** (S) **1.00 For What It's Worth** (S)(R) **1.45 Coast** (S)(R) **2.00 Glorious Gardens from Above** (S)(R) **2.45 Who Do You Think You Are?** (S)(R) **3.45 Great British Railway Journeys** (S)(R) **4.15 Human Planet** (S)(R) **5.15 Flog It!** (S)(R) **6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games** (S) **6.30 Eggheads** (S)

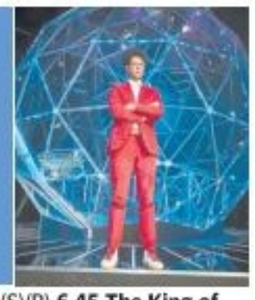
- **7.00 This Farming Life** Mel has to act quickly to help a trapped bull. (S)
- **8.00 Mastermind** Specialist subjects include Julius Caesar. (S)
- **8.30 Only Connect** A team of solo applicants takes on three teachers. (S)
- **9.00 Gardeners' World** Monty Don prunes summer-fruiting raspberries. (S)
- **10.00 Mock the Week** With James Acaster, Tom Allen, Ed Byrne, Rhys James and Ellie Taylor. (S)
- **10.30 Newsnight** (S)
- **11.00 Weather** (S)
- **11.05 Dragons' Den** Business plans involving plush goods, beach towels and packaging. (S)(R)
- **12.05 Sign Zone: Why Mum Died: Britain's Sepsis Crisis – Panorama** (S)(R) **12.35** Dangerous Borders: A Journey Across India & Pakistan (S)(R) **1.35** Normal for Norfolk (S)(R) **2.05** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

6.00 **Good Morning Britain** (S) **8.30 Lorraine** (S) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S) **10.30 This Morning** (S) **12.30 Loose Women** (S) **1.30 ITV Lunchtime News;** Weather (S) **1.55 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **2.00 Judge Rinder** (S) **3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal** (S)(R) **3.59 ITV Regional Weather** (S) **4.00 Tipping Point** (S) **5.00 The Chase** (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.30 ITV Evening News;** Weather (S)

- **7.00 Emmerdale** Debbie and Charity get a surprise. (S)
- **7.30 Coronation Street** Eva uses her hen party to take aim at Maria and Jenny. (S)
- **8.00 Teach My Pet to Do That** A German Shepherd cross shows off summoning skills. (S)
- **8.30 Coronation Street** Eva pushes Maria too far. (S)
- **9.00 Cold Feet** A miscommunication drives a wedge between Adam and Tina. (S)
- **10.00 ITV News;** Weather (S)
- **10.30 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S)
- **10.45 Tonight at the London Palladium** With James Blunt and Samurai Hayashi. (S)(R)
- **11.45 Tipping Point** Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (S)(R)
- **12.40 Jackpot247 3.00** Storage Hoarders (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4



6.00 **Countdown** (S)(R) **6.45 The King of Queens** (S)(R) **8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.55 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.25 Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Practice 1 Live** (S) **11.05 Coast vs Country** (S)(R) **12.05 Channel 4 News** (S) **12.10 A Place in the Sun** (S)(R) **12.40 Countdown** (S) **1.25 Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Practice 2 Live** (S) **3.05 Cheap Cheap Cheap** (S) **4.00 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away** (S) **5.00 Come Dine with Me** (S) **6.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **6.30 Hollyoaks** (S)

- **7.00 Channel 4 News** (S)
- **8.00 The Crystal Maze** A cosplay team tackles the Maze. (S)
- **9.00 Gogglebox** Households' opinions on recent TV. (S)
- **10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown** Jon Richardson and Sara Pascoe take on Sean Lock and Vic Reeves. (S)
- **11.05 Married to a Celebrity: The Survival Guide** Gogglebox veterans Steph and Dom Parker air their grievances about each other. Last in the series. (S)(R)
- **12.05 Back** (S)(R) **12.35** The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice (S)(R) **1.20 FILM The French Connection (1971) (18)** (S) **3.05** The State (S)(R) **4.00** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb (S) **4.55** Building the Dream (S)(R) **5.50** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free (S)(R)

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff 11.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** (S)(R) **12.10 5 News Lunchtime** (S) **12.15 The Hotel Inspector** (S)(R) **1.15 Home and Away** (S) **1.45 Neighbours** (S) **2.15 The Mentalist** (S)(R) **3.15 FILM Jesse Stone: Innocents Lost (2011) (15)** (S) **5.00 5 News at 5** (S) **5.30 Neighbours** Elly suspects Steph is her rival. (S)(R) **6.00 Home and Away** (S)(R) **6.30 5 News Tonight** (S)

- **7.00 Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh** The host reveals some surprising facts about Beatrix Potter; (S)(R) 5 News Update (S)
- **8.00 Celebrity 5 Go Motorhoming** The stars head to Scotland, where Lesley Joseph faces her fear of heights in Glen Coe; (S) 5 News Update (S)
- **9.00 Cruising with Jane McDonald** The presenter cruises down the River Rhone from Lyon to Arles. (S)
- **10.00 Maurice Gibb: In Life and Death** Dr Jason Payne-James re-examines the facts surrounding the death of Maurice Gibb. (S)
- **11.05 The Greatest Ever Pop Families** Classic hits from across the decades by bands featuring family members. (S)
- **12.00 SuperCasino** (S) **3.10** Ring of Fire (S) **4.25** Access (S) **4.40** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.05** Great Artists (S)(R) **5.30** Nick's Quest (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 You've Been Framed! Gold **6.25** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **7.00** Below Deck **7.45** Emmerdale **8.45** You've Been Framed! Gold **9.15** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **10.05** Below Deck **11.15** Dress to Impress **12.20** Emmerdale **1.20** You've Been Framed! Gold **1.50** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **2.45** The Jeremy Kyle Show **6.00** Dress to Impress **7.00** You've Been Framed and Extreme! **8.00** Two and a Half Men **9.00** FILM: Run Fat Boy Run (2007) (12) Romantic comedy, with Simon Pegg and Thandie Newton. **11.00** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **1.25** Bromans **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Judge Judy **6.40** Heartbeat **7.40** Where the Heart Is **8.45** Wild at Heart **9.45** Judge Judy **11.05** On the Buses **12.45** Barging Round Britain with John Sergeant **1.15** Heartbeat **2.20** Doc Martin **3.20** Wild at Heart **4.20** On the Buses **5.55** Heartbeat **7.00** Murder, She Wrote **8.00** Kate: The Making of a Modern Queen **9.00** Mr Selfridge **10.30** Law & Order: UK **11.25** Lightfields **12.30** Colditz **3.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **5.30** On the Buses **5.55** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 World News Today; Weather **7.30** Top of the Pops: 1984 **8.00** The Live Lounge Show **9.00** Marc Bolan: Cosmic Dancer **10.00** Glam Rock at the BBC **11.00** Elton John at the BBC **12.00** Rod Stewart at the BBC **12.50** Top of the Pops: 1984 **1.25** Marc Bolan: Cosmic Dancer **2.25** Glam Rock at the BBC **3.25** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Hollyoaks **6.30** Coach Trip: Road to Zante **7.00** Made in Chelsea: Ibiza **8.00** Melissa & Joey **9.00** 2 Broke Girls **10.00** Baby Daddy **11.00** How I Met Your Mother **12.00** The Goldbergs **1.00** The Big Bang Theory **2.00** Melissa & Joey **3.00** Baby Daddy **4.00** 2 Broke Girls **5.00** The Goldbergs **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** Coach Trip: Road to Zante **8.00** FILM: Mirror Mirror (2012) (PG) Fantasy, starring Julia Roberts. **10.00** Celebs Go Dating **11.05** The Big Bang Theory **12.00** The IT Crowd **1.05** Celebs Go Dating **2.10** First Dates Hotel **3.05** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **4.00** The IT Crowd **4.25** Rude(ish) Tube **4.50** How I Met Your Mother

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **11.00** Four in a Bed **1.40** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **3.50** Time Team **5.55** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces **6.55** The Secret Life of the Zoo **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** Professor T **10.05** 24 Hours in A&E **12.10** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **1.05** Chopped Off: The Man Who Lost His Penis **2.05** Grand Designs **3.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **3.50** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 Anastasia (1956) (U) **1.15** The Best of Benny Hill (1974) (PG) **2.55** Billion Dollar Brain (1967) (PG) Espionage thriller, starring Michael Caine. **5.05** Carry On Cabby (1963) (PG) Comedy, starring Sid James and Hattie Jacques. **6.55** The Perks of Being a Wallflower (2012) (12) Coming-of-age drama, starring Logan Lerman. **9.00** Pitch Perfect (2012) (12) Comedy, starring Anna Kendrick. **11.15** Prometheus (2012) (15) Sci-fi thriller, starring Noomi Rapace. **1.40** Requiem for a Dream (2000) (18) **3.50** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Scrapheap Challenge **8.10** American Pickers **9.00** Storage Hunters UK **10.00** American Pickers **12.00** Jay Leno's Garage **1.00** Top Gear **3.00** Brojects in the House **3.30** Brojects **4.00** Traffic Cops **5.00** Top Gear **7.00** Cops UK: Bodycam Squad **9.00** Live BAMMA. Nathan Jones v Alex Lohore. **11.00** FILM: South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut (1999) (15) Animated musical comedy, with the voices of Trey Parker and Matt Stone. **12.35** QI **1.55** Would I Lie to You? **2.35** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.10** Parks and Recreation **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20
7.10 The Bill **8.00** The Mrs Bradley Mysteries **9.00** Pie in the Sky **10.00** Bergerac **11.00** The Bill **1.00** Last of the Summer Wine **1.40** Brush Strokes **2.20** Birds of a Feather **3.00** The Mrs Bradley Mysteries **4.00** Pie in the Sky **5.00** Bergerac **6.00** Brush Strokes **6.40** Last of the Summer Wine **7.20** As Time Goes By **8.00** The Brokenwood Mysteries **10.00** New Tricks **11.20** Birds of a Feather **12.00** The Bill **1.05** Vanity Fair **2.20** The Ark **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 Hawaii Five-0 **8.00** Monkey Life **9.00** The Dog Whisperer **10.00** Nothing to Declare **10.30** Border Security: America's Front Line **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **12.00** Hawaii Five-0 **2.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **3.00** Supergirl **4.00** Stargate SG-1 **5.00** Futurama **5.30** Modern Family **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Modern Family **9.00** Zoo **10.00** The Force: North East **11.00** Ross Kemp on Gangs **12.00** A League of Their Own **1.00** The Force: Manchester **2.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** Motorway Patrol **4.00** Animal 999 **5.00** The Dog Whisperer

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **8.00** The British **10.00** The West Wing **12.00** Without a Trace **1.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **2.00** Blue Bloods **3.00** Fish Town **4.00** The West Wing **6.00** Without a Trace **7.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Game of Thrones **11.20** Dexter **12.25** FILM: Looking: The Movie (2016) **2.10** The Wire **3.25** Vice Principals **4.00** The West Wing

W SKY: 109
6.00 Countryside 999 **7.00** MasterChef Australia **8.00** Extreme Weight Loss **10.00** The Bill **11.00** Tipping Point **1.00** River Cottage Veg **2.00** MasterChef USA **3.00** Extreme Weight Loss **5.00** Tipping Point **7.00** MasterChef Australia **8.00** One Born Every Minute **9.00** FILM: Lethal Weapon 4 (1998) (15) Action adventure, starring Mel Gibson and Danny Glover. **11.40** EastEnders **1.10** Countryside 999 **2.00** The Musketeers **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110
7.20 Goodnight Sweetheart **8.20** Lucky Feller **8.55** The Piglet Files **9.30** A Sharp Intake of Breath **10.00** Butterflies **10.40** Goodnight Sweetheart **11.20** Only Fools and Horses **9.00** David Jason: My Life on Screen **10.00** Only Fools and Horses **1.00** A Sharp Intake of Breath **1.35** The Piglet Files **2.05** Butterflies **2.40** The Thin Blue Line **3.10** Harry Hill's TV Burp **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401
6.00 Good Morning Sports Fans **10.00** Live Ladies European Tour Golf. The Evian Championship. **1.00** Sky Sports Today **2.30** Live Ladies European Tour Golf. The Evian Championship. **5.30** Sky Sports News at 5 **6.00** Sky Sports News at 6 **7.00** Live FNF. Bournemouth v Brighton & Hove Albion (kick-off 8.00pm). **10.15** Live PGA Tour Golf. The BMW Championship. **12.00** Through the Night

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Saturday September 16th

BBC1

DAYTIME

6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** (S) **11.30 The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food** (S)(R) **12.00 Football Focus** (S) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Live PDC Darts Champions League** (S) **4.30 Final Score** (S) **5.25 BBC News** (S) **5.35 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **5.40 Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme** (S) **6.10 Pointless Celebrities** Various TV experts are challenged to take part. (S)(R)

7

7.00 Even Better Than the Real Thing Paddy McGuinness presents performances by tribute artists. (S)

8

8.00 Who Dares Wins Nick Knowles hosts the game show. (S)
8.45 Casualty Dylan's plan to reunite Sanosi with his uncle does not work out. (S)

9

9.35 Mrs Brown's Boys Agnes tries to gatecrash Maria's hen party. (S)(R)

10

10.05 BBC News; Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S)
10.25 Match of the Day Including highlights of Watford v Manchester City. (S)

11

11.55 People Just Do Nothing Grindah goes on his stag night. (S)

AFTER 12

12.25 FILM The Uninvited (2009) (15) Thriller, starring Emily Browning. (S) **1.45** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.50** BBC News (S)

BBC2

6.00 The NFL Show (S)(R) **6.30 How We Won the War** (S)(R) **7.00 FILM My Favorite Wife (1940) (U)** (S) **8.25 James Mason: Talking Pictures** (S)(R) **9.05 FILM Hotel Reserve (1944) (U)** (S) **10.30 Railways of the Great War with Michael Portillo** (S)(R) **11.00 Coast** (S)(R) **12.00 Len and Ainsley's Big Food Adventure** (S)(R) **12.45 Triathlon: World Grand Final** (S) **5.15 The Big Family Cooking Showdown** (S)(R) **6.15 Dad's Army** (S)(R) **6.45 PDC Champions League of Darts** (S)

10.15 The A-Z of Later – with Jools Holland: From Adele to ZZ Top Highlights from the past 25 years of the music programme. (S)

11.45 FILM The White Countess (2005) (PG) Period romantic drama, with Ralph Fiennes and Natasha Richardson. (S)

1.50 FILM Renoir (2012) (12) Drama, starring Michel Bouquet. **3.35** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

6.00 CITV 7.30 Scrambled! 9.25 Saturday Morning with James Martin (S) **11.20 The Hungry Sailors** (S)(R) **12.20 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.25 The X Factor** (S)(R) **1.30 ITV Racing: Live at Doncaster** (S) **4.00 FILM Bean (1997) (PG)** (S) **5.35 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **5.45 ITV News** (S) **6.00 The Family Chase** A family from Essex competes in the general knowledge game show. (S)

7.00 Cannonball Water-based obstacle course challenge, hosted by Andrew Flintoff. (S)

8.00 The X Factor The auditions stage continues. (S)

9.15 The Jonathan Ross Show With Paul Hollywood, Noel Fielding, Jeff Bridges, Julianne Moore, Taron Egerton and Halle Berry. (S)

10.20 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.35 FILM The Nutty Professor (1996) (PG) Comedy remake, starring Eddie Murphy, Jada Pinkett Smith and James Coburn. (S)

12.20 Jackpot247 3.00 The Hungry Sailors (S)(R) **3.50 ITV** Nightscreen

Channel 4

6.10 Motor Sport: Volkswagen Racing Cup (S) **6.40 Triathlon: Vitoria-Gasteiz** (S) **7.05 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **10.55 Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Practice 3 Live** (S) **12.25 F1 Meets Jackie Stewart** (S) **12.55 Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Qualifying Live** (S) **3.45 World's Most Expensive Cars** (S) **4.45 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** (S)(R) **5.35 Location, Location, Location** (S)(R) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 Dunkirk: The New Evidence Documentary examining the famous Second World War evacuation of Allied soldiers. (S)(R)

8.00 WWII's Great Escapes: The Freedom Trails New series. Soldiers who escaped from Nazi territory in the Second World War. (S)

9.00 FILM Super 8 (2011) (12) A group of children witnesses a train crash and discovers an alien creature has escaped. Sci-fi thriller, starring Joel Courtney and Elle Fanning. (S)

11.20 FILM The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones (2013) (12) Fantasy adventure, with Lily Collins and Jamie Campbell Bower. (S)

1.35 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) **2.30** Hollyoaks (S) **4.35** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **5.30** Four in a Bed (S)(R) **5.55** Last Man Standing (S)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.20 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) **10.55 Animals Make You Laugh Out Loud 2** (S)(R) **11.20 FILM Columbo: Grand Deceptions (1989) (PG)** (S) **1.15 FILM Columbo: Murder, Smoke and Shadows (1989) (PG)** (S) **3.10 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords** (S)(R) **4.10 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door** (S)(R) **6.05 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** (S)(R)

7.00 Can't Pay Special: Big Family Bust Up The enforcement agents are caught in the crossfire of three bitter family disputes. (S)(R)

8.00 The Great Fire: Death and Destruction The worst day of the inferno. (S)(R)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games. (S)

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush All the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two. (S)
10.30 The NCIS Movie: Legend Feature-length episode. (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.10** Emmerdale **8.35** Coronation Street **12.00** FILM: Sweet Home Alabama (2002) (12) Romantic comedy, starring Reese Witherspoon and Josh Lucas. **1.05** FYI Daily **1.10** FILM: Sweet Home Alabama (2002) (12) **2.10** The X Factor **3.15** FILM: The Incredible Hulk (2008) (12) Comic-book adventure, starring Edward Norton. **4.15** FYI Daily **4.20** FILM: The Incredible Hulk (2008) (12) Concluded. **5.25** FILM: King Kong (2005) (12) Fantasy adventure remake, starring Naomi Watts. **6.25** FYI Daily **6.30** FILM: King Kong (2005) (12) Concluded. **9.00** FILM: The Fast and the Furious (2001) (15) Thriller, starring Vin Diesel and Paul Walker. **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10** FILM: The Fast and the Furious (2001) (15) Concluded. **11.10** Family Guy **12.35** American Dad! **1.05** Celebrity Juice **2.05** Bromans **3.00** Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Judge Judy **6.20** Murder, She Wrote **8.20** Margery and Gladys **10.25** FILM: Columbo: A Deadly State of Mind (1975) (PG) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **12.00** FILM: Carry On Matron (1972) (PG) **1.05** FYI Daily **1.10** FILM: Carry On Matron (1972) (PG) **1.50** Wycliffe **2.55** Foyle's War **7.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** A Touch of Frost **1.10** On the Buses **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 The Brain with David Eagleman **8.00** Swarm: Nature's Incredible Invasions **9.00** Black Lake **10.25** Easter Island: Mysteries of a Lost World **11.55** Top of the Pops: 1984 **12.30** Timeshift: The People's Liners – Britain's Lost Pleasure Fleets **1.30** Bright Lights, Brilliant Minds: A Tale of Three Cities **2.30** Swarm: Nature's Incredible Invasions **3.30** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Couples Come Dine with Me **7.50** Coach Trip: Road to Zante – Final Week **10.30** FILM: Robots (2005) (U) Animated adventure, with the voice of Ewan McGregor. **12.15** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **12.30** The Goldbergs **2.00** Streetmate **3.00** Don't Tell the Bride **4.00** The Great British Bake Off **5.15** The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice **6.05** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Bad Teacher (2011) (15) **10.50** Naked Attraction **11.55** Celebs Go Dating **3.00** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **3.55** How I Met Your Mother **4.40** Rude(ish) Tube

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Kirstie's Vintage Gems **9.30** Coast vs Country **10.25** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **2.50** Four in a Bed **5.25** Come Dine with Me **8.00** Great Canal Journeys **9.00** The 9/11 Hotel **10.00** 9/11: The Lost Tapes **11.05** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.15** Big Fat Gypsy Weddings **2.20** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **3.20** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **4.00** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Marmaduke (2010) (U) Comedy, starring Lee Pace. **1.00** The Rugrats Movie (1999) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Elizabeth Daily. **2.35** The Three Musketeers (1973) (PG) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Michael York. **4.45** Field of Dreams (1989) (PG) Baseball fantasy, with Kevin Costner and Ray Liotta. **6.55** Dante's Peak (1997) (12) Disaster movie, starring Pierce Brosnan. **9.00** 2 Guns (2013) (15) Action adventure, starring Denzel Washington and Mark Wahlberg. **11.10** Nina Forever (2015) (18) Premiere. Comedy horror, starring Fiona O'Shaughnessy. **1.15** Black Swan (2010) (15) **3.30** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Projects in the House **8.00** Top Gear **10.00** Sin City Motors **11.00** Cops UK: Bodycam Squad **12.00** Would I Lie to You? **2.00** Cops UK: Bodycam Squad **4.00** Top Gear **7.00** Not Going Out **9.00** FILM: xXx (2002) (12) Action adventure, starring Vin Diesel. **11.30** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **12.30** QI XL **2.30** 8 Out of 10 Cats **2.55** Parks and Recreation **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 All Creatures Great and Small **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** When the Boat Comes In **5.00** Judge John Deed **7.00** Jonathan Creek **8.00** Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Shetland **11.40** Waking the Dead **2.05** Garrow's Law **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **7.00** Modern Family **8.00** The F1 Show **8.30** Soccer AM: The Best Bits **9.00** PL Prediction Show **9.30** Premier League Preview **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** The Next Jamie Vardy **12.30** What's Up TV **1.00** Golf's Funniest Moments **2.00** Gillette Soccer Saturday. Up-to-the-minute scores. **3.15** Gillette Soccer Saturday. Up-to-the-minute scores. **5.15** PL Greatest Games **5.30** Modern Family **8.00** A League of Their Own **9.00** Stella **10.00** FILM: Green Zone (2010) (15) Iraq war thriller, starring Matt Damon. **12.15** Hawaii Five-0 **1.10** Brit Cops: War on Crime **4.00** Stargate Atlantis

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Urban Secrets **9.00** Fish Town **11.00** FILM: Dinosaur 13 (2014) (PG) The true story of one of history's greatest dinosaur discoveries. **1.00** House **4.00** Without a Trace **9.00** Game of Thrones **11.35** Ballers **12.10** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **12.45** Real Time with Bill Maher **1.55** The Wire **3.15** Vice Principals **4.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **5.00** Urban Secrets

W SKY: 109

6.10 Countryside 999 **7.00** The Bill **12.00** EastEnders **2.30** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals **3.00** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars **6.00** My Family **8.00** John Bishop: In Conversation with David Walliams **9.00** FILM: From Dusk Till Dawn (1996) (18) Horror, starring George Clooney. **11.00** Louis Theroux: By Reason of Insanity **12.20** Babies: Special Delivery **1.20** Outnumbered **1.50** The Musketeers **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.10 Goodnight Sweetheart **8.15** Lucky Feller **8.50** The Piglet Files **9.25** A Sharp Intake of Breath **9.55** Butterflies **10.35** Only Fools and Horses **12.55** The Green Green Grass **1.35** Only Fools and Horses **1.05** Goodnight Sweetheart **2.15** The Piglet Files **2.40** Butterflies **3.10** Harry Hill's the Best of TV Burp **3.35** Harry Hill's TV Burp **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

6.00 Through the Night **7.00** Good Morning Sports Fans **8.00** Live Rugby Championship. New Zealand v South Africa (kick-off 8.35am). **10.45** Live Rugby Championship. **11.30** Live Premier League. Crystal Palace v Southampton (kick-off 12.30pm). **3.15** Live Super 8s Qualifiers. Widnes Vikings v London Broncos (kick-off TBA). **5.15** Live EFL. Barnsley v Aston Villa (kick-off 5.30pm). **7.40** Live International T20 Cricket. England v West Indies. Coverage of the one-off encounter at the Emirates Riverside **10.00** Live PGA Tour Golf. The BMW Championship. **11.00** Through the Night

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Sunday September 17th

DAYTIME

BBC1

Fake or Fortune?, 8pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **7.30 Match of the Day** (S)(R) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show** (S) **10.00 Sunday Morning Live** (S) **11.00 Sunday Politics** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Fake or Fortune?** (S)(R) **2.15 Money for Nothing** (S)(R) **3.00 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **3.45 Points of View** (S) **4.00 Songs of Praise** (S) **4.35 How to Stay Young** (S)(R) **5.35 Invictus: Battle to the Start Line** (S) **6.35 BBC News** (S) **6.50 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S)

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7.00 Countryfile Ellie Harrison celebrates the Lake District becoming a World Heritage Site. (S)

8

8.00 Fake or Fortune? Examining whether a sculpture was made by Alberto Giacometti. Last in the series. (S)

9

9.00 Strike – The Silkworm Part two of two. Strike and Robin become suspicious of Fancourt. (S)

10

10.00 BBC News (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day 2 Including highlights of Manchester United v Everton. (S)

11

11.30 Fugitives Police hunt down a dangerous robber on the run in the Netherlands. (S)(R)

AFTER 12

12.15 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **12.20** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Top Gear, 5.30pm

6.05 Great British Garden Revival (S)(R) **7.05 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **8.05 The Beechgrove Garden** (S) **8.35 Countryfile** (S)(R) **9.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **11.00 Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food** (S)(R) **11.30 My Life on a Plate** (S)(R) **12.15 MOTD2 Extra** (S) **1.00 PDC Champions League of Darts** (S) **4.30 Tribes, Predators & Me** (S)(R) **5.30 Top Gear** (S)(R) **6.30 PDC Champions League of Darts** (S)

10.00 FILM Risk (2016) (15) Premiere. Documentary following Wikileaks founder Julian Assange over the course of six years during his political asylum. (S)

11.25 FILM The Devil's Double (2011) (18) Fact-based drama, with Dominic Cooper and Ludivine Sagnier. (S)

1.10 Sign Zone: Question Time (S)(R) **2.10** Holby City (S)(R) **3.10** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Never Say Never Again, 3pm

6.00 CITV 7.30 Scrambled! 9.25 ITV News (S) **9.30 James Martin's French Adventure** (S)(R) **9.55 FILM Problem Child (1990) (PG)** (S) **11.30 Robson Green's Coastal Lives** (S)(R) **12.30 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.40 Bear Grylls Survival School** (S)(R) **1.10 Catchphrase** (S)(R) **1.50 The X Factor** (S)(R) **3.00 FILM Never Say Never Again (1983) (PG)** (S) **5.35 Victoria** (S)(R) **6.35 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.45 ITV News** (S)

7.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars With Professor Green, Sair Khan and Sean Kelly. (S)

8.00 The X Factor Talent contest, hosted by Dermot O'Leary. (S)

9.00 Victoria Albert learns a terrible family secret. (S)

10.05 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.20 Judge Rinder's Crime Stories The deaths of six children in a suspicious house fire. (S)(R)

11.20 Liar Thriller, starring Joanne Froggatt and Ioan Gruffudd. (S)(R)

12.15 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights (S) **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year, 7pm

6.20 Last Man Standing (S) **6.40 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.00 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.00 Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Live Build-Up** (S) **12.35 Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Live** (S) **3.10 Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Live Reaction** (S) **4.15 The Crystal Maze** (S)(R) **5.15 The Great British Bake Off** (S)(R) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year The grand final of the event. Last in the series. (S)

8.00 Speed with Guy Martin: F1 Challenge The motorcycle racer joins a Formula One pit crew. (S)

9.00 Electric Dreams: The Hood Maker New series. Sci-fi anthology series. (S)

10.10 Lee Mack: Hit the Road Mack The comedian performs at London's Hammersmith Apollo. (S)(R)

11.05 FILM Slumdog Millionaire (2008) (15) Danny Boyle's Oscar-winning drama, with Dev Patel and Freida Pinto. (S)

1.20 The Supervet: Bionic Specials (S)(R) **2.15** Gillette World Sport (S) **2.45** KOTV Boxing Weekly (S) **3.10** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **4.10** Building the Dream (S)(R) **5.05** Four in a Bed (S)(R) **5.30** Too Many Cooks (S)(R)

Channel 5

Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights, 8pm

6.00 Milkshake! 10.05 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) **10.40 Football on 5: The Championship** (S)(R) **11.30 Football on 5: Goal Rush** (S)(R) **12.00 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **3.00 FILM Open Season (2006) (PG)** Animated comedy, with the voice of Martin Lawrence. (S) **4.45 FILM Annie (2014) (PG)** (S) **5.45 5 News Update** (S) **5.50 FILM Annie (2014) (PG)** Premiere. Concluded. (S)

7.05 Before They Were Stars Dale Winton revisits popular celebrities' earliest, most embarrassing brushes with fame. (S)(R)

8.00 Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights Highlights from the third round of matches. (S)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 How Magic Changed TV The story of performing magic on television. (S)

11.05 When Magic Goes Wrong Illusions that went spectacularly badly. (S)(R)

1.45 SuperCasino (S) **3.10** Gotham (S)(R) **4.00** Now That's Funny! (S)(R) **4.50** Divine Designs (S)(R) **5.20** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.45** Chinese Food in Minutes (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.10** You've Been Framed! Gold **6.35** Coronation Street **10.00** 2Awesome: Guidance **10.25** 2Awesome: LA Story **10.40** 2Awesome: Cheerleaders: Steel Rays **11.00** 2Awesome: Ready, Set, Style **11.15** 2Awesome: Third Wheel **11.40** The X Factor **12.55** Take Me Out **2.10** FILM: Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) (PG) Drama, starring Briana Evigan. **3.10** FYI Daily **3.15** FILM: Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) (PG) Concluded. **4.15** FILM: The Smurfs (2011) (U) Fantasy comedy, starring Neil Patrick Harris. **5.15** FYI Daily **5.20** FILM: The Smurfs (2011) (U) Concluded. **6.20** FILM: Evan Almighty (2007) (PG) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Carell. **7.20** FYI Daily **7.25** FILM: Evan Almighty (2007) (PG) Concluded. **8.10** FILM: Gravity (2013) (12) Thriller, starring Sandra Bullock and George Clooney. **9.10** FYI Daily **9.15** FILM: Gravity (2013) (12) Concluded. **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **1.25** The Cleveland Show **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 On the Buses **6.25** Margery and Gladys **8.25** Heartbeat **10.25** Murder, She Wrote **12.25** FILM: Columbo: Playback (1975) (PG) **2.05** FILM: Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) (PG) Comedy, starring Sid James. **3.10** FYI Daily **3.15** FILM: Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) (PG) Concluded. **3.55** Wycliffe **5.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Tonight at the Palladium **10.00** Kate: The Making of a Modern Queen **11.00** Sherlock Holmes: The Last Vampyre **1.10** The Knock **3.00** Mr Selfridge **4.15** Griff's Great Britain **5.05** Judge Judy **5.25** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 The Last Night of the Proms from Around the UK **8.30** Secret Voices of Hollywood **10.00** Cinema Through the Eye of Magnum **10.55** Clara Bow: Hollywood's Lost Screen Goddess **11.55** Precision: The Measure of All Things **12.55** Apples, Pears and Paint: How to Make a Still Life Painting **2.25** Cinema Through the Eye of Magnum **3.20** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Kevin Can Wait **6.25** Couples Come Dine with Me **8.25** Hollyoaks **11.00** Don't Tell the Bride **12.00** Streetmate **12.30** My Hotter Half **1.40** FILM: Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen (2004) (PG) Drama, starring Lindsay Lohan. **3.25** The Goldbergs **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** FILM: Home Alone (1990) (PG) Family comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin. **10.00** Naked Attraction **11.05** Gogglebox **12.10** Celebs Go Dating **2.15** Don't Tell the Bride **3.05** Rude Tube **3.35** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Location, Location, Location **12.10** Come Dine with Me **2.50** Four in a Bed **5.25** Come Dine with Me **8.00** The Supervet **9.00** Car SOS **10.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **11.05** 24 Hours in A&E **12.10** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **2.05** Car SOS **3.05** 8 Out of 10 Cats: Best Bits **3.45** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Sink the Bismarck! (1960) (U) Fact-based Second World War drama, starring Kenneth More. **1.00** Bridge to Terabithia (2007) (PG) Fantasy drama, starring Josh Hutcherson. **2.50** Carry On Spying (1964) (U) Comedy, starring Kenneth Williams. **4.35** Moonrise Kingdom (2012) (12) Comedy drama, with Bruce Willis and Edward Norton. **6.25** Battleship (2012) (12) Sci-fi adventure, starring Taylor Kitsch. **9.00** The Mechanic (2011) (15) Action thriller remake, starring Jason Statham. **10.50** Welcome to the Punch (2013) (15) Crime thriller, starring James McAvoy and Mark Strong. **12.50** The King of Comedy (1983) (PG) **3.05** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Top Gear **8.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race **9.00** Top Gear **12.00** Room 101 **2.00** Would I Lie to You? **3.20** Would I Lie to You? – The Unseen Bits **4.00** Red Dwarf **6.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race **7.00** Traffic Cops **8.00** Cops UK: Bodycam Squad **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You **10.00** Taskmaster **11.00** Live at the Apollo **12.00** QI XL **1.00** Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You **2.00** Mock the Week **2.30** 8 Out of 10 Cats **2.55** Parks and Recreation **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Garrow's Law **8.00** The Bill **12.00** War and Peace **4.45** Catherine Cookson's The Fifteen Streets **7.00** Murdoch Mysteries **8.00** Father Brown **9.00** Silent Witness **11.15** Taggart **2.05** Vanity Fair **3.10** Garrow's Law **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **7.30** Futurama **10.00** WWE Raw Hits **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **4.00** Modern Family **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **9.00** The Last Ship **10.00** The Force: North East **11.00** Zoo **12.00** Modern Family **1.00** Brit Cops: War on Crime **2.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** Brit Cops: War on Crime **4.00** Stargate Atlantis

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Storm City **8.55** Fish Town **9.50** The Guest Wing **11.40** House **1.30** The Bachelor King **3.00** Making of David Attenborough's Bachelor King **4.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Tin Star **10.00** Real Time with Bill Maher **11.10** Ballers **11.50** Mike Tyson: Undisputed Truth **1.35** The Wire **2.55** Vice Principals **4.05** The British

W SKY: 109

6.10 Countryside 999 **7.00** MasterChef Australia **12.30** My Restaurant in India **1.00** Doctor Who **3.20** Miranda **4.00** Outnumbered **6.00** FILM: Ella Enchanted (2004) (PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Anne Hathaway. **8.00** The Secret Life of the Ballroom **9.00** John Bishop: In Conversation with David Walliams **10.00** The Davina Hour **11.00** Louis Theroux – A Place for Paedophiles **12.00** One Born: What Happened Next? **1.00** Countryside 999 **1.50** The Musketeers **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.10 Goodnight Sweetheart **8.15** Lucky Feller **8.50** The Piglet Files **9.20** A Sharp Intake of Breath **10.00** Butterflies **10.40** Only Fools and Horses **4.00** The Story of Only Fools and Horses **5.00** Only Fools and Horses **12.55** Goodnight Sweetheart **2.10** The Piglet Files **2.35** Butterflies **3.10** Harry Hill's TV Burp **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

6.00 Through the Night **7.00** Total Goals **9.00** Live One-Day International Cricket. India v Australia. **12.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. Chelsea v Arsenal (kick-off 1.30pm). **3.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. Manchester United v Everton (kick-off 4.00pm). **7.00** Live NFL. New Orleans Saints v New England Patriots (kick-off 6.00pm). **9.00** Live NFL. Denver Broncos v Dallas Cowboys (kick-off 9.25pm). Coverage of the match from the second round of fixtures, which takes place at Sports Authority Field at Mile High. **1.00** Live NFL. **4.30** Premier League Highlights **5.00** Through the Night

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Monday September 18th

BBC1

DAYTIME

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.15 Fake Britain** (S) **10.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **11.00 Dom on the Spot** (S)(R) **11.45 Thief Trackers** (S)(R) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S) **1.00 BBC News at One; Weather** (S) **1.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **1.45 Doctors** (S) **2.15 The Boss** (S) **3.00 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **3.45 Garden Rescue** (S) **4.30 Celebrity Money for Nothing** (S) **5.15 Pointless** (S) **6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather** (S) **6.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S)

7

7.00 The One Show Hosted by Matt Baker and Alex Jones. (S)
7.30 Inside Out Regional documentary; (S) BBC News; Regional News (S)

8

8.00 EastEnders Stacey receives potentially worrying news about Arthur. (S)
8.30 Africa's Billion Pound Migrant Trail – Panorama (S)

9

9.00 Rellik Gabriel comes face to face with the prime suspect in the serial murders. (S)

10

10.00 BBC News at Ten (S)
10.30 BBC Regional News and Weather (S)
10.45 Professor Green: Is It Time to Legalise Weed? (S)

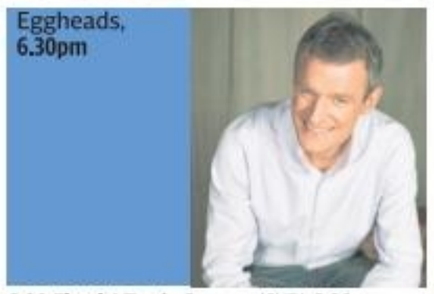
11

11.40 Live at the Apollo Comedy sets by Danny Bhoy, Miles Jupp and Lee Nelson. (S)(R)
11.40 Granada/YTV The Super League Show (S)

AFTER 12

12.25 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **12.30** BBC News (S)

BBC2



6.00 Flog It! Trade Secrets (S)(R) **6.30 Council House Crackdown** (S)(R) **7.15 Garden Rescue** (S)(R) **8.00 Sign Zone: The Big Family Cooking Showdown** (S)(R) **9.00 Victoria Derbyshire** (S) **11.00 BBC Newsroom Live** (S) **12.00 Daily Politics** (S) **1.00 For What It's Worth** (S)(R) **1.45 The £100K House: Tricks of the Trade** (S)(R) **2.45 Who Do You Think You Are?** (S)(R) **3.45 Great British Railway Journeys** (S)(R) **4.15 Human Planet** (S)(R) **5.15 Flog It!** (S)(R) **6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games** (S) **6.30 Eggheads** (S)

7.00 Antiques Road Trip Christina Trevanion and Mark Stacey search for antiques in the West Midlands. (S)

8.00 University Challenge The University of Leicester takes on Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge. (S)
8.30 Upstart Crow (S)

9.00 Horizon: Goodbye Cassini – Hello Saturn The achievements of the spacecraft Cassini. (S)

10.00 W1A New series. The BBC's Head of Values, Ian Fletcher, returns. (S)
10.30 Newsnight (S)

11.10 Weather (S)
11.15 The Search for a New Earth Stephen Hawking explores the possibility of humans inhabiting other planets. (S)(R)

12.45 Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) **1.40** Celebrity MasterChef (S)(R) **2.40** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

6.00 Good Morning Britain (S) **8.30 Lorraine** (S) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S) **10.30 This Morning** (S) **12.30 Loose Women** (S) **1.30 ITV Lunchtime News;** Weather (S) **1.55 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **2.00 Judge Rinder** (S) **3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal** (S)(R) **3.59 ITV Regional Weather** (S) **4.00 Tipping Point** (S) **5.00 The Chase** (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.30 ITV Evening News;** Weather (S)

7.00 Emmerdale Liv confronts Robert and Rebecca. (S)
7.30 Coronation Street Eva prepares to unleash her final revenge on Aidan. (S)

8.00 Countrywise: Guide to Britain Liz Bonnin visits Lunga. (S)(R)
8.30 Coronation Street Aidan's confession plunges Eva into turmoil. (S)

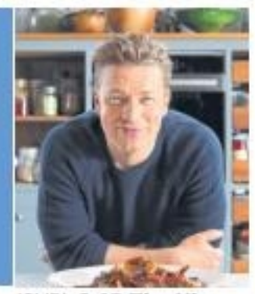
9.00 Liar Laura's online attack on Andrew yields unexpected consequences. (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.30 ITV Regional News; Weather (S)
10.45 100 Year Old Driving School Some of Britain's oldest drivers take mature driving tests. (S)(R)

11.45 The Jonathan Ross Show With Paul Hollywood, Noel Fielding, Jeff Bridges, Julianne Moore, Taron Egerton and Halle Berry. (S)(R)

12.40 Jackpot247 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R) **3.55 ITV** Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4



6.00 Countdown (S)(R) **6.45 The King of Queens** (S)(R) **8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **9.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **10.05 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** (S)(R) **11.00 Coast vs Country** (S)(R) **12.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **12.05 Couples Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **1.05 French Collection** (S) **2.10 Countdown** (S) **3.00 Cheap Cheap Cheap** (S) **4.00 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away** (S) **5.00 Come Dine with Me** (S) **6.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **6.30 Hollyoaks** (S)

7.00 Channel 4 News (S)

8.00 Jamie's Quick & Easy Food Jamie Oliver makes high-speed ginger shakin' beef and pak choi. (S)
8.30 Superfoods: The Real Story (S)

9.00 The Undateables The dating hopefuls include a James Bond fanatic from Swansea. (S)

10.00 First Dates New series. The return of the dating show. (S)

11.05 The Wedding Day Examining British attitudes to marriage through two very different families. (S)(R)

12.05 Random Acts (S) **12.35** 60 Days in Jail (S) **1.25** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) **2.15 FILM The Threshold (2015) (15) 3.50** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **4.45** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb (S) **5.45** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures (S)(R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff (S) **11.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** (S)(R) **12.10 5 News Lunchtime** (S) **12.15 The Hotel Inspector** (S)(R) **1.10 Access** (S) **1.15 Home and Away** (S) **1.45 Neighbours** (S) **2.15 The Mentalist** (S)(R) **3.15 FILM Seduced by Lies (2010) (12)** (S) **5.00 5 News at 5** (S) **5.30 Neighbours** (S)(R) **6.00 Home and Away** (S)(R) **6.30 5 News Tonight** (S)

7.00 FIA World Rally Championship Highlights Action from the Rally Poland; (S)(R) 5 News Update (S)

8.00 Police Interceptors The interceptors go in hot pursuit of tearaway teens and reckless youths; (S) 5 News Update (S)

9.00 Paddington Station 24/7 It is the height of summer and tensions rise along with the temperature. (S)

10.00 Caught in the Act: Dumb Builders A selection of comical videos featuring builders. (S)

11.05 FILM Drive Angry (2011) (18) Fantasy thriller, starring Nicolas Cage and Amber Heard. (S)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.50** Below Deck **8.00** Emmerdale **8.30** Coronation Street **9.30** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **10.20** Below Deck **10.45** You've Been Framed! Gold **11.15** Dress to Impress **12.20** Emmerdale **12.50** Coronation Street **1.50** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **2.45** The Jeremy Kyle Show **6.00** Dress to Impress **7.00** You've Been Framed! Gold **8.00** Two and a Half Men **9.00** Family Guy **10.00** American Dad! **11.00** Family Guy **12.00** Celebrity Juice **1.00** Two and a Half Men **1.30** Scorpion **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 On the Buses **6.50** Heartbeat **7.55** Where the Heart Is **8.55** Wild at Heart **9.55** Judge Judy **11.05** On the Buses **12.45** Barging Round Britain with John Sergeant **1.10** Heartbeat **2.15** Doc Martin **3.20** Wild at Heart **4.20** On the Buses **5.25** George and Mildred **6.00** Heartbeat **7.00** Murder, She Wrote **8.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **10.10** Lucan **11.35** A Touch of Frost **1.40** On the Buses **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Beyond 100 Days **7.00** Weather **7.30** Brushing Up On – British Factories **8.00** Dangerous Earth **9.00** FILM: Letters from Baghdad (2016) (PG) **10.30** The Legacy of Lawrence of Arabia **11.30** A Very British Murder with Lucy Worsley **12.30** She-Wolves: England's Early Queens **1.30** The Art of Gothic: Britain's Midnight Hour **2.30** A Very British Map: The Ordnance Survey Story **3.30** Dangerous Earth **4.00** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Hollyoaks **6.30** Coach Trip: Road to Zante **7.00** Made in Chelsea: Ibiza **8.00** Melissa & Joey **9.00** 2 Broke Girls **10.00** Baby Daddy **11.00** How I Met Your Mother **12.00** The Goldbergs **1.00** The Big Bang Theory **2.00** Melissa & Joey **3.00** Baby Daddy **4.00** 2 Broke Girls **5.00** The Goldbergs **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** All Star Driving School **8.00** FILM: Mirror Mirror (2012) (PG) Fantasy, starring Julia Roberts. **10.00** Celebs Go Dating **11.05** The Big Bang Theory **12.05** The IT Crowd **1.10** Celebs Go Dating **2.20** First Dates **3.15** Tattoo Fixers **4.10** Rude(ish) Tube **4.55** How I Met Your Mother

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **11.00** Four in a Bed **1.40** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **3.50** Time Team **5.55** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces **6.55** The Secret Life of the Zoo **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** Great Pyramid: Treasures Decoded **10.00** 999: What's Your Emergency? **11.05** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **12.05** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **1.05** High Class Call Girls **2.10** Grand Designs **3.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **3.50** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Santa Fe (1951) (U) **12.45** The Ladykillers (1955) (U) **2.30** Father Goose (1964) (U) **4.45** The Poseidon Adventure (1972) (PG) **7.05** The Two Faces of January (2014) (12) Thriller, starring Viggo Mortensen. **9.00** Rise of the Planet of the Apes (2011) (12) Sci-fi thriller, starring James Franco. **11.05** A Time to Kill (1996) (15) Courtroom drama, with Samuel L Jackson and Matthew McConaughey. **2.00** The Bunker (2016) (18) **3.50** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Scrapheap Challenge **8.10** American Pickers **9.00** Storage Hunters UK **10.00** American Pickers **12.00** Jay Leno's Garage **1.00** Top Gear **3.00** Brojects in the House **3.30** Brojects **4.00** Traffic Cops **5.00** Top Gear **7.00** Traffic Cops **8.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **9.00** Live at the Apollo **10.00** Room 101 **11.20** QI **12.00** Would I Lie to You? **12.40** Mock the Week **1.20** QI **2.00** Would I Lie to You? **2.40** Parks and Recreation **3.30** 8 Out of 10 Cats **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 David Copperfield **8.00** London's Burning **9.00** Casualty **10.00** Bergerac **11.00** The Bill **1.00** Last of the Summer Wine **1.40** Brush Strokes **2.20** Birds of a Feather **3.00** London's Burning **4.00** Pie in the Sky **5.00** Bergerac **6.00** Brush Strokes **6.40** Last of the Summer Wine **7.20** As Time Goes By **8.00** Life on Mars **9.00** Death in Paradise **10.00** New Tricks **11.20** Birds of a Feather **12.00** The Bill **1.00** Vanity Fair **2.15** The Ark **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hawaii Five-0 **7.00** Road Wars **8.00** Monkey Life **9.00** The Dog Whisperer **10.00** It's Me or the Dog **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **12.00** Hawaii Five-0 **2.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **3.00** Supergirl **4.00** Stargate SG-1 **5.00** Futurama **5.30** Modern Family **6.30** The Simpsons **9.00** FILM: Wanted (2008) (18) Action adventure, starring James McAvoy and Angelina Jolie. **11.10** Karl Pilkington: The Moaning of Life **12.05** A League of Their Own: Best Bits **1.00** The Force: Manchester **2.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** Motorway Patrol **4.00** Animal 999 **5.00** The Dog Whisperer

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **8.00** The British **10.00** The West Wing **12.00** Without a Trace **1.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **2.00** Blue Bloods **3.00** Fish Town **4.00** The West Wing **6.00** Without a Trace **7.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Big Little Lies **10.00** FILM: The Normal Heart (2014) (15) Fact-based drama, with Mark Ruffalo and Julia Roberts. **12.35** Real Time with Bill Maher **1.45** The Wire **3.00** Vice Principals **4.10** The West Wing

W SKY: 109

6.00 Countryside 999 **7.00** MasterChef Australia **8.00** Extreme Weight Loss **10.00** The Bill **11.00** Tipping Point **1.00** River Cottage Veg **2.00** MasterChef USA **3.00** Extreme Weight Loss **5.00** Tipping Point **7.00** MasterChef Australia **8.30** My Restaurant in India **9.00** The Davina Hour **10.00** Russell Howard's Good News **10.40** EastEnders **11.20** Babies: Special Delivery **12.20** Russell Howard's Good News **1.00** W1A **2.00** The Musketeers **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.10 Goodnight Sweetheart **8.20** Lucky Feller **8.55** The Piglet Files **9.25** A Sharp Intake of Breath **10.00** Butterflies **10.40** Goodnight Sweetheart **12.00** Only Fools and Horses **5.25** David Jason: My Life on Screen **6.30** Only Fools and Horses **12.40** Goodnight Sweetheart **2.00** The Piglet Files **2.30** Butterflies **3.05** Harry Hill's TV Burp **4.00** Home Shopping

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British Motor Museum launches its autumn programme of workshop

The British Motor Museum is delighted to announce its autumn series of motoring related workshops. Topics covered include photography, drawing and classic car ownership. Each course is facilitated by an expert and includes entry to the Museum so participants can visit the extensive collection of historic British cars.

'Lights, Camera, Cars' will take place on 14 October. This course complements 'Cars through the Lens' with a greater emphasis on experimenting with lighting and flash guns. The cost is £75 per person.

'Cars through the Lens' will take place on 15 October. Perfect for beginners, this course helps participants take the perfect photograph of a car and learn when and how to use different settings. Topics include how to control light and composition, the rule of thirds and perfect angles and how to make photography fun. The cost is £40 per person.

The popular 'Classic Virgins' Experience Day returns on 21 October. This hands-on, informative day is aimed at those considering buying and owning a classic car. Experts will deliver guidance on the theory of classic car ownership and provide workshop-based basic maintenance sessions. After the workshop session there will be free rides in a variety of classic cars. The cost is £90 per person.

'Writing your Motoring Memoirs' will take place on 21 October. New for 2017, this course provides participants with the tools and guidance they need to write their own unique story. Participants will learn how to successfully access more of their earlier life; create a structure for their work; choose what stories to include; and even reviews the options they will have when the memoir is finished. The cost is £50 per person.

'Cars through the Lens goes Studio' takes place on 11 November and aims to develop participants' photographic techniques in a studio setting, showing them how to achieve the best composition and lighting. The cost is £75 per person.

'Automotive History in Watercolour' takes place on 18 November. The workshop will take participants through the process of creating a classic watercolour painting including practical hints and tips to help understand colour, shade and light as well as basic composition. The price is £40 per person.

The final workshop is 'Sketching from Automotive History' which takes place on

19 November. This workshop will guide participants through a range of techniques for producing a car study from start to finish. Build confidence in sketching by developing techniques while exploring tone and composition. The cost is £40 per person.

Emma Rawlinson, Family and Lifelong Learning Officer at the British Motor Museum stated, "We're delighted to again offer these fascinating workshops to enable participants to learn skills in photography, drawing and classic car ownership along with expanding their motor industry knowledge. Please note pre-booking for all our courses is essential".

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Kia Picanto 'GT-Line' 1.25

Little car puts the fun back into driving

By **Tony Yates**

THE Kia Picanto is a wonderful little car in every way – and this new updated 'GT-Line' version is pretty special with its fancy detailing and modern touches. The new Picanto also comes with some of the latest connectivity packages for the modern driver, but without paying a premium.

Actually, it's funny, but for me, Kia has always been a good brand – and I know many owners who would be very happy to agree with me. Plus for the last few years – I have continually talked about being a big fan of anything from Kia – because basically, they offer you 'more for less'. This is something I wish all manufacturers did.

Power & efficiency

The Picanto I had on test was powered by a four-cylinder 1,248cc petrol engine with 83bhp of blissful horses sitting under the bonnet. The torque figures for such a sweet engine come in at122Ib/ft at 4000rpm. 0 to 62 mph is also dealt with in 11.6 seconds which is actually good. If we move onto the top speed of the Picanto – you can expect around 107mph.

The official fuel economy figures from Kia are; 61.4 mpg (combined) with a CO2 rating of 106 g/km – which may not be the best in its class – but it's not poor either. And when it comes to how it performs on the road – that's when the Picanto puts the word 'fun' back into driving. Plus the Picanto loves to be revved and that 5-speed gearbox is a peach to use with nothing to complain about on any level.

On the road

The Picanto is surprisingly throaty and charismatic and that 1.25litre engine provides an adequate amount of torque – enough to allow the Picanto to hold its own in traffic, on A roads or on the motorway. The suspension is also pretty good at protecting you from the worst of the road surfaces. I was also impressed by the light steering control in town and its easy manoeuvrability on the daily commute to and from my office in city traffic.

The Kia Picanto 'GT Line' 1.25 offers you more for less

Design & technology

On the inside, the Picanto has some really nice detailed interior touches that feel nicely put together – while the interior plastics used are good and more than up to the job of giving a good premium feel to all the surfaces. The seating is also premium based - with the driver's seat adding height adjustment, which makes it relatively easy to get comfortable and whilst there is room enough for five, those in the rear may find it a little tight – but remember this is a small car so it's no different from anything else on the road of a similar size.

There is also plenty of kit inside the 'GT-Line' such as; ABS, Hill Start Assist, Automatic Headlights, LED Daytime Running Lights, Electronically Adjustable and Heated Door Mirrors and Automatic Wipers. You also get a 3.8" Monochrome Cluster Display including Bluetooth and Music Streaming, USB port, Aux port and a Trip Computer. There's even a couple of cup holders for those in the front along with a whole bunch of safety systems including ESC, AEB, ESS (Emergency Stop Signalling) and a motor-driven power steering system. Overall then, not bad at all.

To sum up

For me, this car offers fantastic value for money. Plus, with the Picanto 'GT-Line' starting from only £12,450 on the road, that makes it quite the bargain actually.

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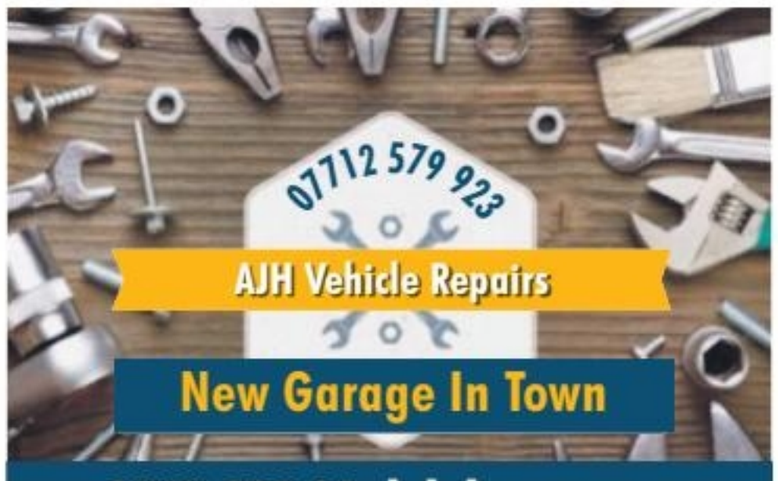

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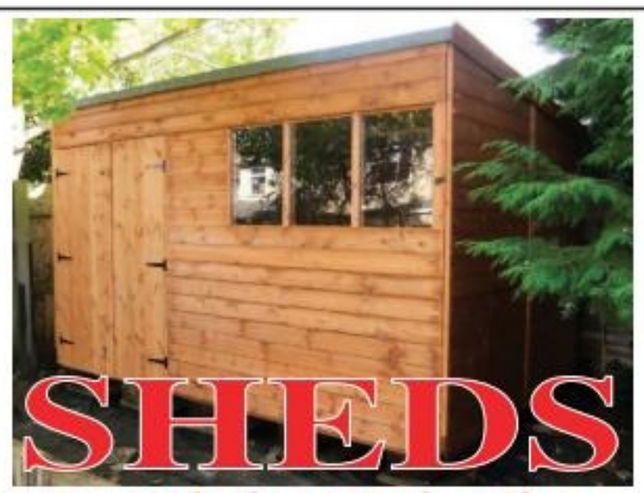

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Sport

By Adam Flinn

Nico Hulkenberg has scored all of Renault's 34 points so far this season
Picture: *Renault Sport Formula One Team*

Will Singapore sling Renault up the table?

F1 - Renault

RENAULT are hoping to chase down Williams in the battle for fifth place in the constructors' championship as F1 leaves Europe for the final seven races of the season.

The two Oxfordshire sides are separated by 21 points, with Williams currently occupying fifth spot while Renault are eighth.

Renault believe this weekend's race in Singapore will be more suited to their car, after struggling last time out on the long straights of Monza.

Managing director Cyril Abiteboul said: "Williams sit just 21 points ahead of us in fifth place and, with seven races to go, it's very much in our capability to chase that down by the end of the season.

"We need to create some momentum and string together some consistent results with both cars inside the top 10. Singapore will be vital to kickstart this effort.

"Marina Bay is an interesting and challenging street circuit raced under the lights of the night-time sky. It's fast kinks and tight and twisty infield means it is much more suited to our car than the previous round in Monza."

Prior to Monza, Nico Hulkenberg had scored two sixth-place finishes in three races, with Renault showing themselves to have the fastest car behind the top-three teams of Mercedes, Ferrari and Red Bull on those occasions.

Hulkenberg has scored all of Renault's points so far this season and is looking to win more this weekend.

He said: "We're finished with Europe, but ultimately Italy was a difficult weekend for us as a team.

"It's disappointing not to come away with points, I got stuck in traffic in the race and couldn't do too much.

"I'm going to get it off my mind as soon as possible and gear up for Singapore – I'm looking forward to it as we should be more competitive."

Jolyon Palmer is still waiting for his first point in 2017 after suffering yet another retirement in Italy, and his future with the team has once again come under speculation this week.

Rumours are flying around that Toro Rosso driver Carlos Sainz will be taken on for next season, with some sources reporting the switch could even take place before the end of the year.

In July there was much talk former F1 driver Robert Kubica could make a comeback with Renault.

Renault have not commented on the rumours.

Secret to street success

F1 - Haas

DOWNFORCE and tyres will be key to a good performance at this weekend's Singapore Grand Prix, according to Haas' team principal Guenther Steiner.

The Banbury-based team is battling with Williams, Renault and Toro Rosso for fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth in the constructors' championship, and is looking for some good results after failing to score last time out in Italy.

A high downforce setup will be needed in Singapore and Steiner also thinks how the cars use the tyres will be just as important this weekend.

He said: "It's not only about downforce levels, it's also about how to use the tyre and which level of downforce we need to run.

"As always this year, it's not only about how good we are, it's how good our opponents are and how they can get their cars to work at the circuits.

"We always see where we end up with our other opponents in the midfield."

Romain Grosjean and Kevin Magnussen are currently 13th and 14th in the standings with 24 and 11 points respectively. Haas are seventh in the constructors' table on 35.

Romain Grosjean in action last time out in Italy
Picture: *Haas F1*

Smith battles his teammate and weather for top 10 spot

MotoGP

Bradley Smith during the San Marino Grand Prix. Picture: *Gold and Goose*

BRADLEY Smith picked up his best result of the season with a 10th-place finish at the San Marino Grand Prix at Misano on Sunday.

The 26-year-old Oxford racer survived the torrential rain to move up from 22nd on the grid to finish in the top 10 as many riders struggled to stay upright.

It also marked the best weekend for his KTM team in their debut season, as team-mate Pol Espargaro finished less than three seconds behind Smith in 11th.

Smith said: "I think the biggest thing was that if you stay upright you'll get some points, so I tried to play it smart right from the word go.

"I felt better and better as the track started to dry and then from mid race I found myself chasing (Jonas) Folger and then Pol so we then had our own little battle in the final laps.

"I'm super happy to put it together on a Sunday and although it is a wet race, we now need to put this together in the remaining dry races, but certainly things are going in the right direction."

Smith is 23rd in the standings with 14 points, with five races of the season remaining.

The next round is at Aragon in Spain on September 24.

Pair putt themselves on plane to Portugal

Golf

A NORTH Oxfordshire golfing duo have a chance of winning Europe's biggest pro-am when they compete in the grand final of the Lombard Trophy in sunny Portugal next week.

PGA pro Peter Thompson and amateur David Shields, both members of Bicester Golf & Country Club, will go head-to-head with 14 other clubs in the 36-hole showdown in the Algarve.

More than 700 clubs entered the popular PGA National Pro-Am Championship, which reaches its climax at Pestana's Vila Sol Golf & Resort Hotel from September 21-22.

Thompson and Shields clinched their spot in Portugal after winning their regional qualifier at Camberley Heath Golf Club in March.

The Bicester pair finished on 11-under-par 60 at the Surrey venue, which would normally have been enough to go through to the final but another pair finished on the same score.

It meant the one qualifying place up for grabs went down to a countback and Thompson and Shields won it with a back nine of 28, which included two eagles and a birdie at the 18th.

Shields, a 49-year-old prison officer, said: "I can't wait to get to Portugal. I've never played in anything like this before - it's going to be great.

"I was worried when we tied though, I thought there might be a play-off and I'd had a couple of beers!"

David Shields and Peter Thompson are off to the Algarve
Picture: *Julian Herbert/GettyImages*

Everyone invited to join free sessions for 'fun, exhilarating hobby'

Basketball

A JOINT initiative bursting with fun has been launched to inspire more people to take part in wheelchair basketball.

Leisure operator Better and two basketball clubs have joined forces to lay on free Friday night sessions, hoping to increase the numbers.

Kieran Calvert, who coaches wheelchair basketball in Oxford, helped deliver the inaugural session in Abingdon last month.

The free workout gave 11 players the chance to try wheelchair basketball for the first time and enjoy the physical and social benefits of the sport.

Following the success of the taster class, free sessions will now be held at White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre in Abingdon.

Players don't have to be wheelchair users to take part.

Megan Horwood, community sports manager at the leisure centre, said: "The launch of wheelchair basketball was a great success. Everyone who took part really enjoyed themselves.

"We had a mix of abilities covering wheelchair basketball club players and those coming to the sport for the first time.

"I'd really encourage all local residents who are looking for a fun, exhilarating hobby to come along and try it for themselves."

Oxford Eagles Wheelchair Basketball and South Oxfordshire Heat Basketball Club are the clubs behind the scheme.

The hour-long sessions will take place every Friday evening from 6.45pm, starting on September 22.

Players of all ages and abilities are welcome.

For more information contact Megan at megan.horwood@gll.org or call 07806199555.

Sport

Reversal of fortune with two defeats

Banbury United

BANBURY United's fine start to the season was halted by back-to-back home defeats.

The Puritans had swept aside all before them to claim maximum points after five Evo-Stik South Premier League matches but dropped to seventh after two disappointing results.

Frome Town left the Banbury Plant Hire Community Stadium with a 4-3 win on Saturday before Redditch United left the same stadium with three points in a 3-1 victory.

Banbury were well beaten by an impressive Redditch side. First half Dior Angus and Spencer Weir-Daley goals and a second half Danico Johnson strike put the Reds 3-0 up. Jefferson Louis netted in the third minute of injury time for a mere consolation.

On Saturday, the veteran striker broke Tony Jacques' 50-year club record by scoring in the first six league games of the season.

But his late goal came too late to rescue any points in the 4-3 loss.

By the time the 38-year-old found the back of the net on 87 minutes United were already 4-1 down.

Tom Bradbury got Banbury's first of the game but this was sandwiched between two first half Frome goals.

Jon Davies netted a brace to put the visitors out of sight on 72 minutes.

Former Oxford City man Louis scored with three minutes remaining and Leam Howards celebrated his first goal since returning to the club with a stoppage time third – but it was too little too late for United.

Banbury host Thatcham Town in the second qualifying round of the FA Cup on Saturday.

Raining goals

David Pearce scores after just four minutes on Saturday **Picture**: *Michael Allen*

By George Welch

ENTERTAINMENT hasn't been in short supply at Oxford City in a week it rained goals at Court Place Farm.

The Hoops thrilled fans with successive 3-3 draws, first against East Thurrock United on Saturday and Weston-Super-Mare on Tuesday.

City twice came from behind against Weston at a wet and windy Marsh Lane stadium to eventually lead, only to concede a late equaliser.

Both sides were reduced to 10 men. Weston's Aden Baldwin received a straight red just before the half hour when he hauled back Matt Paterson, who was racing in on goal.

City's Freddie Grant collected his second yellow card of the game and headed for an early bath on 75 minutes.

Dayle Grubb goals either side of a Godfrey Poku strike gave the visitors a 2-1 half time lead.

Reece Fleet levelled the scores early in the second period and a spectacular Zak McEachran strike gave Mark Jones' side the lead, two minutes after Grant was given his marching orders.

But the lead didn't last long and Irnti Rapai pulled Weston level a couple of minutes later with a bundled effort.

City keeper Jack Stevens secured a point after pulling off a superb stop to deny Jacob Crane in the last minute.

The Hoops ended their three-match losing streak with another entertaining 3-3 draw against East Thurrock United three days earlier.

Oxford led three times but, each time they got their noses in front, the Rocks clawed their way back to level terms each time.

Boss Jones would have thought his side were on course for winning their first game since mid-August when David Pearce (four minutes), Paterson (35) and Fleet (74) found the back of the net.

But a Sam Higgins strike (13), a Christian Navarro own goal (64) and a Lee Burns goal meant that wait continues.

City, who sit one place outside the relegation zone, travel to Whitehawk on Saturday as they get their FA Cup campaign under way.

Winless in seven games, they return to National League action on September 23 against Eastbourne Borough.

Vanarama National League South
Saturday 9 September
Oxford City 3-3 East Thurrock United
Tuesday 12 September
Oxford City 3-3 Weston-Super-Mare

Evo-Stik South Premier
Saturday 9 September
Banbury United 3-4 Frome Town
Tuesday 12 September
Banbury United 1-3 Redditch United

Evo-Stik South East
Saturday 9 September
Arlesey Town 2-3 **Thame United**

Evo-Stik South West
Saturday 9 September
Cinderford Town 7-1 **Didcot Town**
North Leigh 5-0 Barnstaple Town
Kidlington 2-2 Taunton Town

Uhlsport Hellenic League Premier Division
Tuesday 12 September
Wantage 3-1 Brimscome & Thrupp
Windsor 3-0 **Oxford City Nomads**
Wednesday 13 September
Brackley Town Saints v **Abingdon United**
Result not available as we went to press

Buildbase FA Vase first qualifying round
Saturday 9 September
Abingdon United 1-0 Highmoor Ibis
Ardley United 2-4 Longlevens
Hadley 2-0 **Milton United**
Highworth Town 4-0 **Easington Sports**
Sunday 10 September
Oxford City Nomads 3-2 Woodley United

Four-star Gill inspires Blues

Rugby League

A JORDAN Gill-inspired Oxford RL ended their home campaign with a narrow 24-20 win against Coventry Bears at Tilsley Park on Saturday.

Man of the match Gill proved to be the Blues's battering ram as he powered over the line four times to help his side on their way to back-to-back Kingstone Press League 1 Shield victories.

Oxford's confidence was temporarily halted when the Bears hit back with two scores of their own, Hayden Freeman and Jamahl Hunte getting the visitors into the lead.

But that's as good as it got for the away side.

Gill scored his second, third and fourth tries before the buzzer and Harvey Burnett got in on the act too to earn the Blues a handsome 24-8 interval lead.

Error strewn Coventry hit the ground running in the second period as they tried to correct the mistakes.

The visitors made it interesting with four minutes to go when a converted Brad Delaney try pulled the Bears to within four points. But the Blues held strong secure a deserved win.

Mixed fortunes as Vase kicks off

FA Vase/Hellenic

ABINGDON United and Oxford City Nomads are into the second qualifying round of the FA Vase after coming through their first fixtures over the weekend.

The U's beat Highmoor Ibis 1-0 on Saturday, before Nomads saw off Woodley United 3-1 the following afternoon.

However it was the end of the journey for Ardley United, Milton United and Easington Sports after all three were defeated.

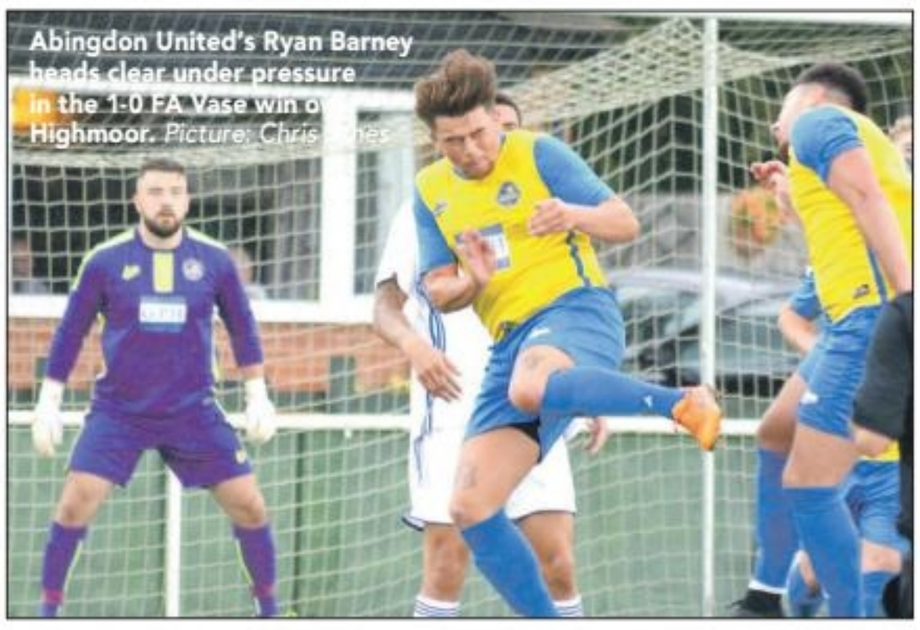
Wallingford Town, Henley Town and Wantage Town enter in the next round, with matches to be played the weekend of September 23.

Elsewhere, Wantage are up to fifth in the Hellenic Premier Division after a 3-1 win over Brimscombe and Thrupp on Tuesday night.

Nomads couldn't replicate their FA Vase form in their Tuesday night league game, losing 3-0 away at Windsor to sit 15th in the standings.

Abingdon were due to face Brackley Town Saints as we went to press.

All three sides are back in league action on Saturday as Wantage and Abingdon face each other at Alfredian Park, while Nomads host Woodley.



Abingdon United's Ryan Barney heads clear under pressure in the 1-0 FA Vase win o Highmoor. *Picture: Chris [illegible]*

Seven goal hammering leaves Railwaymen way off track

Evo-Stik round up

DIDCOT Town's bright start to the season has taken a drastic turn for the worse following back-to-back rollickings.

The Railwaymen were hammered 7-1 at Cinderford Town in the league on Saturday, a result that followed a 5-0 footballing lesson at the hands of Billericay Town in the FA Cup the week before.

But Saturday's scoreline doesn't tell the full story.

Diddy enjoyed the bulk of possession and territory in the first half but trailed 4-0 within half an hour due to defensive gaffes.

An early second half Louis Joyce goal added credence to the belief the visitors would at least make a contest of it.

But once the fifth goal went in seven minutes later against the run of play the Railwaymen folded and the last quarter of the match was painful viewing.

Elsewhere in the Evo-Stik West, North Leigh made a statement of intent with a 5-0 thrashing of Barnstaple Town.

Five different scorers – Eddie Stevens, Will Wellon, Connor Waldon, Michael Hopkins and Mark Magee – all found the back of the net in the Eynsham Park rout.

Kidlington dropped two places to 17th with a 2-2 draw at home to league leaders Taunton Town.

Darius Browne gave the Greens the lead within 10 minutes but Anaclet Odhiambo had to be alert to fire in Kiddy's equaliser right at the death.

In the Evo-Stik East, Thame United got back to winning ways after back-to-back league defeats.

A Lynton Goss brace and a Dan West strike helped United overpower Arlesey Town 3-2 on their travels to Bedfordshire.

Thame are winless at home so far this campaign and host second placed Moneyfields on Saturday.

Eight minutes of goal glory give dominant U's victory

By George Welch

Oxford United 3

Jack Payne 48, Joe Rothwell 54, Rob Hall 56

Gillingham 0

Attendance: 6,730 (382 away)

OXFORD United manager Pep Clotet praised the club's fans following his side's 3-0 dismantling of Gillingham at the Kassam on Saturday.

Second half goals from Jack Payne, Joe Rothwell and Rob Hall made it three goals and three points in a dominant performance – but the U's had to wait until the second half to make their superiority count.

Clotet, who has enjoyed a positive start in charge of United, said: "In the end it turned out to be a strong victory in the same way we beat Portsmouth here.

"But I must thank the fans because the game was a bit locked and it took us 10/15 minutes to put our footprint into the game.

"The fans were really patient with the way the team was building up and playing – and we got the win in the second half."

United were the better team throughout but had to wait until the second half to assert their dominance and secure the points.

But what a start to the second half it was.

Three goals in eight minutes made it the second 3-0 win at the Kassam Stadium already this season.

The U's had lift off just three minutes into the second period when Jon Obika cut back a parried Hall effort for Payne to instinctively flick into the back of the net.

And the points were Oxford's with two goals in two minutes.

First, goalscorer Payne turned provider when he played a defence-splitting pass for Rothwell to double the lead with a composed finish on 54 minutes.

Gillingham, who remain winless in the league this season, were all at sea and moments later it was 3-0 when Obika backheeled into the path of Hall, whose shot powered beyond Tomas Holy at his near post.

And United should have had more when substitutes Wes Thomas, Alex Mowatt and Gino van Kessel (three times) all went close after establishing the lead.

Clotet said moving the ball around quicker in the second half was the difference.

Echoing his gaffer's thoughts, debutant John Mousinho, who made his 400th league appearance, said: "They made it very difficult for us in the first half and we probably didn't move the ball quick enough.

"We came out in the second half with a completely different mindset and mentality. We opened them up, got the goal and the game really opened up for us. It was pleasing all round."

Jack Payne powers away from Tom Eaves to give Oxford the lead and below, Joe Rothwell shrugs off Gabriel Zakuani for the second

Rob Hall nets the third to wrap up the three points.
Pictures: *Steve Daniels*

Points lost in final seconds

Continued from back page

United struggled to cause Bradford any real problems, and, with the home fans desperate for something to shout about in the second half, Payne tested Doyle from range on 55 minutes.

Joe Rothwell gave United the lead – but it wasn't enough in the end

The Bantams went close to doubling their lead when the lively Patrick struck the bar as the hour approached.

Gino van Kessel and Alex Mowatt replaced Henry and Payne as U's boss Pep Clotet shuffled his pack to find some creativity.

The reshuffle paid off and the U's were level soon after.

City stopper Doyle could only palm away a stinging van Kessel effort from range and Thomas, who had done nothing up to this point, won the race to the rebound to tuck away the equaliser.

United looked to have completed the turnaround when van Kessel slid a pass for Rothwell who finished expertly under pressure.

But Romain Vincelot's header snatched a point for Bradford with less than 20 seconds remaining.

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1	Shrewsbury Town	7	6	19
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3	Charlton Athletic	7	3	15
4	Bradford City	7	5	14
5	Blackpool	7	4	14
6	Wigan Athletic	6	8	13
7	Fleetwood Town	6	4	13
8	Oxford United	7	7	12
9	Rotherham United	7	6	12
10	Blackburn Rovers	6	5	12
11	Scunthorpe United	7	5	12
12	Bristol Rovers	7	-3	9
13	Portsmouth	7	-2	8
14	Walsall	7	-4	8
15	MK Dons	7	-5	7
16	Doncaster Rovers	7	-2	6
17	Northampton Town	6	-5	6
18	Rochdale	7	-5	6
19	Southend United	7	-6	6
20	AFC Wimbledon	7	-4	5
21	Oldham Athletic	7	-6	4
22	Bury	7	-6	4
23	Plymouth Argyle	7	-7	4
24	Gillingham	7	-6	3

Mehmeti: I've missed working with Pep

OXFORD United have bolstered their forward line with the addition of Albanian international striker Agon Mehmeti.

The 27-year-old admitted he has missed U's boss Pep Clotet, who coached him alongside fellow players Ricardinho and Ivo Pekalski at Malmo in 2010.

Described as a 'natural finisher' by Clotet, Mehmeti was out of contract and could therefore make the move to the Kassam Stadium outside the transfer window.

He has played across Europe and spent pre-season in Sweden while he kept his options open after leaving Turkish club Genclerbirligi in the summer.

Mehmeti said: "It's a dream because the [English] league is the biggest in the world. It was an easy decision for me.

"I am a better player than last time I played with Pep. I am older and of course I have had some bumps in my career with injuries and stuff like that – this is football.

"But I am looking forward to working with Pep again because I miss him. He's a great coach and I know what he's capable of."

Mehmeti, who will be eased into action, was born in the former Yugoslavia but moved to Sweden when he was two.

A graduate of Malmo's youth system, he became their top scorer in 2009/10 when they won the league.

He represented Sweden at Under-19 and Under-21 levels until he chose to play for Albania, winning three caps for his native country in 2013 as a full international.

In between two spells at Malmo, where he played in the Champions League, he played in Italy for Palermo and on loan in Olhanense, Portugal and Novara in the Italian second division.

Clotet said Mehmeti is a player "who has a fantastic track record when it comes to finishing".

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Twenty seconds of heartbreak for U's

Rob Hall was denied a penalty shout in what was ultimately a nearly night for Oxford United against Bradford City. Picture: *Steve Daniels*

By George Welch

HEARTBROKEN Oxford United had three points stolen from them in the last 20 seconds as Bradford City snatched a point for a 2-2 draw on Tuesday.

The U's had left it late themselves after Joe Rothwell gave United a 2-1 lead with a cool finish with three minutes to go.

Bradford, who rarely threatened throughout the evening at a chilly Kassam Stadium, took the lead against the run of play through Omari Patrick.

Oxford United 2
Wes Thomas 74, Joe Rothwell 87

Bradford City 2
Omari Patrick 30, Romain Vincelot 90+4

Attendance: 6,558 (403 away)

It took Oxford until the 74th minute to find an equaliser when Wes Thomas tucked home a rebounded effort before the two late goals provided a thrilling finale.

Man of the match Rob Hall, full of confidence after scoring four goals in three games prior to this clash, buzzed about and was often the focal point of United's attack.

The winger had the first chance of the match as he twisted and turned through the Bradford defence to fire an effort that warmed the gloves of Colin Doyle in the City goal.

Hall, who had a penalty appeal controversially turned away midway through the first half, displayed more wizardry when he cut in from the right and was a whisker away from opening the scoring with a low drive.

James Henry had a header palmed away by Doyle and Jack Payne threatened when he hassled and forced Nathaniel Knight-Percival into a mistake.

Bradford took the lead against the run of play with their first serious threat on Simon Eastwood's goal.

With 30 minutes on the clock, winger Patrick picked up the loose ball and fired into the far corner with a delightful curling effort.

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Happy with display, sad at the result

PEP Clotet admitted there were mixed emotions in the Oxford United dressing room following Tuesday's dramatic draw with Bradford City.

United, trailing in the final 20 minutes, would have taken a point when Wes Thomas levelled the tie in the final third of the game.

But a late Joe Rothwell goal flipped the game on its head and, when the final whistle blew and emotions were still running high, the last-gasp Bradford equaliser made it feel like a defeat.

The United boss said: "The dressing room was happy about the display but was angry, sad and frustrated because we didn't keep the lead.

"The players know this is football and it's about swallowing the result and focusing on how well we did."

He added: "I knew it was going to be a very tough, even game but I wanted us to compete and that's why I'm very happy with what the players achieved, even though I'm disappointed with the result."

Both sides have only lost once in the league so far this season – the U's unbeaten at home and Bradford away – so perhaps it wasn't much of a surprise that this one ended all square.

Clotet, pleased with how his players are gelling so early in the season, believes it was a point gained, and not two points dropped.

The Spaniard said: "This is absolutely a point gained. I think this point will matter."

Oxford, who would have shot up to fourth with a win, slipped to eighth with the draw and travel to Blackpool on Saturday.

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